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Joint Editorial

By Steve Mera, and Brian Allan Phenomena Magazine

Like so many Ufologists, the details pertaining to the incidents that took place at Rendlesham during December of 1980 have left a lasting impression. A truly profound series of incidents that led me (Steve) to visit the location several times. Throughout a combined total of over 60 years of investigative research into the subject of UFOs, Brian and I thought we had seen and digested all the information that has been available to the public, be it from official sources, the media and of course by authors of several books on the incident. For us, the pinnacle regarding this case was when we encountered a copy of *Left at East Gate* written by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. It was a book that fascinated us and we simply could not put down. It is a fascinating eyewitness account of what is often referred to (quite rightly) as Britain's most significant UFO incident. Seemingly more important than the Roswell incident simply because of the many eyewitnesses that are still alive and are available to attest to the events that unfolded over a period of three nights. Though never quick to jump to the E.T. hypothesis without significant evidence, we had become comfortable with the idea that Rendlesham Forest and surrounding areas had possibly been a significant location for some kind of intelligent contact between humanity and 'something else'. However, a series of events that later took place caused us to doubt our initial conclusion.

This first came about by a series of lectures carried out by investigative journalist Linda Moulton Howe in which she showed clips from interviews carried out with Jim Penniston and John Burroughs, who, in 1980, were stationed at RAF Bentwaters as Law Enforcement Police and claimed to have witnessed the remarkable events. The bombshell was dropped when Linda described a hypnosis session with Jim Penniston who went on to describe a small craft that had landed in a clearing in the forest and with which he had physical contact. When this contact took place he obtained a type of telepathic message indicating that the craft was in fact of Earthly origin but from the distant future and that a series of binary coded images had somehow been placed in his mind, only later to be interpreted as a directive and coordinates. All very strange...

The details to such a surprising turn of events seemed somehow familiar to us. Coded images and telepathic messages have been discussed within the fringe subjects of Ufology for quite some time, often associated with the Crop Circle Phenomenon. Our own involvement in the use of hypnosis ended during 1996 after a critical and scientific evaluation concluded that hypnosis was useless at eliciting the truth and in many cases false memories would play their part, thus making it impossible to conclude what was considered factual or fake. Therefore, since the 'No Hypnosis Policy' was implemented many an investigative researcher has had to become reliant on more credible information... and rightly so. Jim Penniston's claims certainly concerned us in regards this new direction of research. The general rule of thumb is, the further one gets from the event date, the less likely you are to obtain credible, factual raw data. It's now been 17 years since the publication of *'Left at East Gate'*. Should we allow ourselves to be reengaged by this new and less credible information?

More recently we became aware of a new publication entitled *'Encounter in Rendlesham Forest: The Inside Story of the World's Best-Documented UFO Incident'*, co-written by the former intelligence officer for the Ministry of Defence - Nick Pope, and former US Air Force personnel Jim

Penniston and John Burroughs. Surprised at learning there was enough new data on the Rendlesham incident to produce another book on the incident, we obtained a copy and settled down to digest the contents.

However, as we worked our way through the events described in book, we became aware of the absence of critical material which appeared in '*Left at East Gate*.' This even ignored the rightly deserved recognition Larry and Peter should have for their years of investigative research. How very odd. We were aware that, not only did Peter respect Nick Pope, but considered him a good friend. It had to have been impossible for Nick to have done this accidentally. Suddenly, it occurred to us that here was the start of a disinformation campaign along with conspiratorial issues concealing a veiled vendetta. What on earth were we seeing here? Was the Rendlesham Forest incident to take a new direction, a direction that could possibly be leading us away from the truth? '*Encounters in Rendlesham Forest*,' also assisted in creating confusion over statements Charles Halt had made. Had he also moved the goalposts?

To be fair, the book did keep our interest, but probably for the wrong reasons and we were left confused and ill at ease. Not only must Nick have left Larry and Peter perplexed, but also many in the UFO community. A week later we received a document from Peter Robbins entitled "*Deception: A Review and Critical Analysis of the book, Encounters in Rendlesham Forest*", and that was exactly what it was. It has been re-titled to differentiate that manuscript from the completed work you are about to read. This document represents a thorough and yet a fairly conducted in-depth investigation, which is surprisingly objective and at the same time, it has the all the precision of a surgical procedure. We believe that "*Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community*" has huge implications, not only for the Rendlesham Forest incident but Ufology in general.

This is a lengthy editorial, but in this case Brian and I believe it is justified. If there is one incident that really defines modern Ufology it is what happened over a three day period between Christmas and New Years 1980 close to a combined RAF, US Air Force airbase and nuclear weapons storage facility located beside Rendlesham Forest in England. Several factors are highlighted by Peter Robbins, not least the strange alterations in the account of Col Halt, who was the Deputy Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters at the time of the incident, and an eyewitness to one of the events constituting the incident.

His tape recording made 'on the ground' of what was occurring as it actually occurred has gained an almost iconic status in the world of Ufology. However one thing that did stand out is the claim by Jim Penniston that when he touched the object he was subjected to some kind of telepathic neural link that downloaded what is now referred to a 'binary code' into his brain. He believes that this 'code' infers that what appeared at Rendlesham was not extraterrestrial in the accepted sense of the word, but was instead an artefact from our own far future, in other words it came from planet Earth.

Peter Robbins also suggests that this set of events may have been the end result of 'psyops' techniques used in the extended debriefings to which both Pennington and his friend were subjected. In other words, as with so much in the annals of Ufology, the intelligence services created a considerable amount of the 'evidence' to suit their individual agendas.

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Introduction

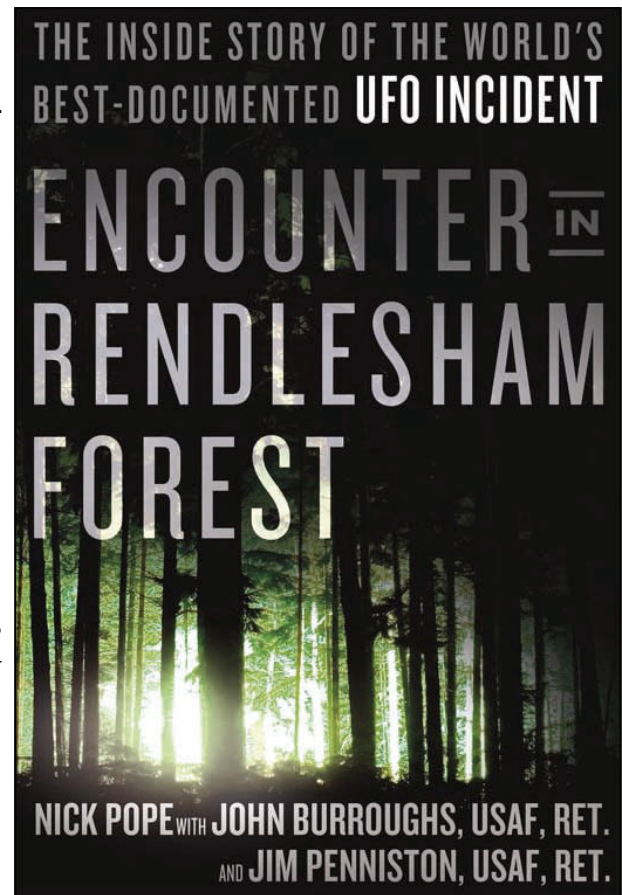
Last autumn my friend and colleague Gary Haseltine, who is also publisher of *UFO Truth Magazine* in beautiful West Yorkshire, asked if I'd be willing to use one of my regular magazine columns to review a new book due for publication in late April 2014. Issue number six of *UFO Truth* would be going out to subscribers early that May so it was imperative that I locate, read, then write my review as soon as possible, then make my deadline, something I regularly excelled at failing to do. Keenly aware of my adversarial history with its two authors, Gary just wanted to make sure I was up for the assignment. He knew I would write an objective, even-handed review if I accepted the assignment.

About a month or so prior to the book's release date I requested a review copy from the publisher through proper channels. Several weeks later it had yet to arrive. I was visiting New York City that week and as usual when in town, I stopped by my favorite bookstore, the Strand on Broadway and 12th Avenue. I quickly made my way down the stairs to the basement, then advanced on the UFO and paranormal stacks, specifically the shelves belonging to the "P" authors. And there it was, two copies of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* actually, and weeks before the book's official publication date, and at half the list price at that. Thank-you Strand. Once home I flipped through it, but it sat for about a week before I actually begin reading it and beginning to make my notes. And so it happened that as I read and wrote, I began to notice something about the narrative that made me feel decidedly uneasy.

Until I was fully able to take in the implications of what I was reading - implications for me personally, for my *Left At East Gate* coauthor, Larry Warren, and for the good reputation of our book, I felt a bit like I was falling into some Kafkaesque short story. A magazine editor asks one of his columnists to review a book and the writer agrees; he's written numerous book reviews before, but the more of *this* book he reads, the more he sees his own and his coauthor's original work, used but never credited, and in a manner that is repeatedly turned against them. More, it is written in a manner that all-but-insures that the book's readers will not notice. Fantasy? Ego? Madness? Not in this story. What I was reading was very real indeed.

The pattern, for there was no other term for it, was subtle at first, then more apparent. It emerged from just below the surface of the key author's words, and if my imagination wasn't running away with me, it was a pattern of deceptive writing that seemed to have been deliberately undertaken in an intentional manner, and calculated only to manifest negative intent. And the more I observed it come into play, the more uncomfortable it made me feel. This feeling was soon replaced by one of anger, and finally one of serious concern. More, it was clear to me that this was something very few readers would ever pick up on or even look for. The reason for this was that each separate element in the overall pattern was a specific piece of information that was could have only been found in one source: the book *Left At East Gate*, which I had coauthored with Larry Warren on the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident that has been published seventeen years earlier in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Each data point in the pattern was presented respectfully and authoritatively by Nick Pope, but always in an incomplete, misleading or reconfigured form, and always – always with the seeming intent of leading readers to doubt Larry Warren's account, credibility and motivations regarding his involvement in the events of December 1980, and in the process, to reflect poorly on my professionalism, research and investigation skills, and reputation as well.

Not wanting to believe my own deductions or conclusions, I read *Incident In Rendlesham Forest* with a level of care I rarely applied in my routine nonfiction reading. As I continued to write my review, I paid careful attention to literally every aspect of what I was reading, intent on writing the most detailed, even-handed and objective review I was capable of, always careful to offer specific praise where appropriate for what Nick and his coauthors had written, and to criticize only where I felt it was warranted, and never in generalized terms. The last thing I wanted was to be perceived as having written a review based on my subjective feelings rather than the objectivity I was striving to maintain throughout the process. I also felt that I owed it to the authors to do the most objective job I was able and that details mattered, all of them, and very much. The result of this approach was to write the most comprehensive book review I was capable of, and one which ran far, far longer than had been my intention. As usual I was late in meeting my deadline, though Gary agreed to print the piece in its final form, even if he did have to breakdown and redesign that issue's page layouts in order to accommodate same.



Concurrent to writing the review, I began to write a separate paper, the intention of which was to focus on, detail, document, and delineate my concerns about the book in a more appropriate form. It was not lost on me that if I failed to make the case for what I perceived as the grave series of conscious distortions threading their way throughout *Incident In Rendlesham Forest*, no one else ever would. Over the next weeks and months I put more and more time into the paper until, by no stretch of the imagination could my efforts any longer be defined as a 'paper.' It was at about this point I realized I was writing a small book, albeit one made up in great part of an extended book review. And so I continued to write, research, investigate, fact-check, edit, review and finalize the manuscript with an expanded version of the original book review published in *UFO Truth Magazine* included. I am indebted to Stephen Mera and Brian Allan, the editors of *Phenomena Magazine*, and to their dedicated team for sponsoring an expanded and illustrated edition of the manuscript I originally sent them..” (..in the form of a Special Report..) – the first in the publication's six-year long history, and in their getting it out to their staggeringly large list of subscribers at no cost to their readers, or for that matter, to anyone else who wishes to read it.

Let me just add the following in closing. I took no pleasure and little satisfaction in writing what you are about to read. At the same time I knew it was important for me to do so. Throughout the process of writing I found myself constantly looking for some way out of this, or at the least, for some alternate set of reasons that might explain or justify why *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* was written in the precise manner it was. I regret that I was completely unsuccessful in these efforts and was unhappily left to conclude that parts of this book were indeed written with conscious intent to deceive readers, and in so doing, demean the value of an important investigative work that my coauthor and I had put almost ten years of our lives into. I appreciate that in publishing *Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community*, I must take full responsibility for all of the opinions, views and conclusions expressed herein and I do.

There is no doubt that they are extremely serious in nature, and while others may share them with me, what you are about to read does not necessarily represent the views or conclusions of *UFO Truth Magazine*, *Phenomena Magazine*, or of any other publication, organization, group or individual. Be aware however that I stand firm on every word I've written.

Peter Robbins
Ithaca, New York USA
August 2014



Pope and Robbins at the National Press Club, Washington D.C., May 2013

The Review and Investigation

"I am afraid there is little I can offer; the only official report we have is from Lt Col Charles Halt which you already have. As far as I am aware, this report was looked at when it was received, and it was subsequently concluded that the events described were of no defence significance. The Ministry of Defence receives many UFO reports each year, and while we believe that explanations could be found for most, we accept that some will remain unexplained. It would seem that the RAF Woodbridge sightings would fall into this category. ... Finally, I wish you the best of luck with your book."
Excerpt from a February 2 1993 letter sent to me from the Ministry of Defence in response to my letter of inquiry, signed N. Pope

"True we can put a book out then go on a book tour its OK with Warren and company so that what we should do. We will finish our research put it in a book so everybody can see it at once and then go around and talk about it. Everybody else does that why not us! Maybe we put the cart before the horse Jim! Travis (Walton), Warren, Robbins and (Robert) SALAS all wrote one why not us! Everybody loves there books while we're at it lets see if we could get a movie deal also. We already had somebody offer to write it for us today how hard was that. I think I hear my phone ringing gotta go!"
John Burroughs, April 7, 2012

"We have never attacked another direct witness, nor will we. We have pointed out incorrect information, and corrected that information with others. I believe you might be one of the people who can very well not handle what is going to be released about RFI, or where our investigation that John and I started on December 26, 1980 is about to cumulate in the near future. We can't wait for it all to be factually all put out to the public, for them to analyze and to debate."
Jim Penniston, March 10, 2012

"Buy putting it in a book we will be able to show everything we have done. ... This is the best way then we can take question afterwards we want to thank Peter, Larry and Robert for the suggestion."
John Burroughs, March 23, 2012

"There are moments that go beyond each of our poor lives."
Charles de Gaulle

John Burroughs and Jim Penniston's book on the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident is finally out, as written by Nick Pope in collaboration with the two eyewitnesses involved on the first of three nights of UFO activity, now collectively known as the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident. As any author of a serious work of investigative nonfiction can attest, the actual writing of such a book can be extremely challenging and not to be undertaken lightly. There is no question that doing the initial research is critically important, but the ability to bring it all together in a fully professional manner is something else again. Having devoted nine years of my life to coauthoring a work on the same subject I speak from experience.

Jim and John's choice of Nick Pope as the lead author seemed a logical one. Nick is an established writer in the UFO field and author of four previous books on the subject. He brings with him both name recognition and the unique caveat of having served in Her Majesty's Ministry of Defence for more than twenty years, several of which were spent officially charged with looking into UK UFO reports, a credential unique to this author.

But there are downsides to this collaboration. To begin with, Penniston and Burroughs long-awaited personal story is communicated to us almost entirely in the second person and suffers for it.

Let me say at the outset that no one I know disputes the involvement of these two witnesses, or the fact that their encounter experiences and those they incurred at the hands of 'debriefers' in its aftermath resulted in ongoing personal suffering, serious physical ailments, and uncontested symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress. Even so, John's somewhat glib notion about the ease of writing such a book on their own ("how hard was that.?"?) seems to have proven a task beyond the pair's collective abilities. Then again, neither of them are trained writers, nor have they ever claimed to be.

In 1999 or 2000 I reviewed Nick's first of two works of fiction, *Operation Thunder Child*, for Vicki and Don Ecker's then-outstanding publication, *UFO Magazine*. I gave it a rave and deservedly so. It was an outstanding piece of 'what if' fiction and earned a review that reflected nothing less. Writing this review for Nick's first new book in fourteen years has proven to be something else again. A rather minor criticism to start with. This book is repetitious at times, in cases restating the same information, and occasionally on the same page. A far more significant shortcoming encountered in *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* is that the book is entirely devoid of footnoted annotations. This is certainly a much less time-consuming way to write an investigative work, but diminishes its value as a serious research tool immeasurably.

The book I co-wrote on the Rendlesham incident, *Left At East Gate*, included hundreds of carefully researched annotations, and make no mistake about it, compiling, organizing, and proof-checking each of them was a boring, repetitive, labor-intensive process, but one I undertook gladly as both Larry Warren and I felt that doing so was essential to the value and integrity of what we had set out to accomplish. The absence of same here left me with the distinct impression that rushing this book into print was more important to the authors than doing the best and most thorough job they were capable of.

The absence of footnoting leaves the reader with only the limited appendices, the book's index, and if you want to include it, the table of contents as reference tools. The index is problematic in itself as it lacks a number of significant inclusions. I know it is a challenge to make sure that all of the subjects, locations and individuals you've written about are listed in a book's index and that you're always going to miss a few no matter what, but it's the job of the authors, their editor, and their publisher to do their best to assure that this is accomplished as successfully as possible.

Encounter In Rendlesham Forest opens with a succinct introduction to its protagonists while setting the scene and offering some necessary background. The first chapter launches directly into the events of the first night with attention given to the other personnel who were directly or indirectly involved. I was surprised though at how disappointing it was to finally read Penniston and Burroughs' long-awaited account, this only because – with the exception of a number of quotations and statements from the experiencers, it is told entirely by Nick Pope.

While he shares the pair's story clearly enough, it is devoid of any real feeling or vitality, and I think it's a shame that the witnesses decided against relating this all-important narrative in their own words. What such a telling might have suffered in terms of loss of the professional polish Nick supplies would have been more than made up for in heart, tension, and the 'in-the-moment' quality that can make reading a compelling first-person account so rewarding. Jim and John's selected statements, while welcome, do not compensate for this. The two write their own chapter at the end of the book so why not here? Nick Pope never experienced the stress, challenge, or fear associated with these events, and when compared to experiencer accounts such as Travis Walton's in *Fire In the Sky*, Whitley Strieber's in *Communion*, Jesse Marcel Junior's in *The Roswell Legacy*, and Debbie Jordan and Kathie Mitchell's in *Abducted!*, there really is no comparison. Whitley of course is an accomplished professional writer but none of these other authors were. Here I must include Larry Warren as well. The incredible job he did in painstakingly writing, recreating, and relating his personal experiences in *Left At East Gate*, also someone with no previous writing experience, is consistently 'in-the-moment' and spot-on throughout. Then again, I'm biased. Hard work, definitely, but what a gift to the reader! The failure to fully recreate the most shattering night of the witnesses' lives gives us a book that opens on something of a flat, disappointing note.

But as I read Nick's treatment of the pair's experiences, I couldn't help thinking about parts of Larry's account, and in the form of a number of haunting similarities shared by all three men during their respective encounters: the malfunctioning radios, the ferocious static electricity charge in the air, John and Jim's description of walking into the area "as akin to wading through deep water." Larry's memory of his movements having "become very slow, as if I were in a vacuum." As Penniston and Burroughs approached the small clearing "there was a silent explosion of light." As Warren and the men with him looked up to regard the reddish sphere of light, it "exploded in a blinding flash (and without a sound)." Penniston observed "that what had first appeared to be a sphere of light in front of him had dissipated and now had the appearance of a craft of some sort." Warren recalled "The explosion (of light) produced no noticeable heat. But now, right in front of me was a machine occupying the spot where the fog had been." Absolutely fascinating stuff. But when we come to the point in the narrative where Penniston touches the craft, there is a complete absence of any mention of his now-famous and insistent claim that a long binary code message down-loaded into his head.

His December 2010 announcement of this allegation set off a major and still ongoing controversy in ufology, so why not introduce this charged moment in the context of where and when it was actually supposed to have occurred?

I do not know why Nick made this decision, but as a writer myself, I know that I've withheld such key information from its proper chronological place as a narrative device to build a sense of anticipation or tension. To the informed reader though I fear that in this context it may only come off as a bit 'stagy.' It certainly led me to feel that a 'big reveal' would be coming later on in the book. Unfortunately when we finally do encounter the binary code in the second to last chapter, it is more with a whimper than a bang.



As we continue to follow the story, we are reminded of how the pair chose to play down their anomalous experiences from the get-go, neither of them wanting to be fully forthcoming in their respective written statements or reports. Nor is there any mention of the forty-five minutes of missing time they'd experienced, and with good cause. The UFO ridicule factor was and remains very much alive and well, and likely on steroids in a 1980 military context. Ask yourself this question: if you were in John or Jim's place, would you have wanted such information to become a part of your permanent military record? Me neither. It was Deputy Base Commander Halt – very much a fixture in the men's lives at this time and for more than twenty-five years to come, who suggested they use the phrase "unexplained lights" instead of 'UFO' in relevant reports. We are also reminded that the Law Enforcement security blotters for that night were removed, then classified, never to be seen again.

In chapter two, "The Next Morning," we begin with some military UFO-related history, information on base procedural matters, and are introduced to more of the personnel who had roles in the events during and/or leading up to the event. Burroughs and Penniston retrace their steps and return to the clearing where they again see the indentations in the soil associated with the craft. The next morning three others return to the site with them. Measurements and photographs are taken while plaster casts of the indentations are made. One of the men, Sgt. Ray Gulyas, later returns on his own to take personal photographs and make his own plaster casts. In chapter three, "Into the Darkness," we jump directly to the particulars of Col. Halt's third night's encounter and those of the men who accompanied him into the forest on another now-famous part of the Rendlesham chronicles. Nick supplies much detail here and excerpted statements from some of the men involved. Chapter four picks up where "Into the Darkness" ends and culminates with the episode's most dramatic aspect, that of the unknown coming in over the group's heads and shining a pencil-thin beam of light into their immediate area.

Chapter five, "Charles Halt Over the Years," was the first point in this book where I felt and observed that some of Nick Pope's writing was specifically calculated to present the reader with a consciously limited and highly controlled assessment of its subject, this by way of what he does *not* in-

clude rather than what he does. The treatment begins with what for me is a major inaccuracy: “Until John Burroughs and Jim Penniston decided to speak out, Charles Halt had probably been the person most closely associated with the Rendlesham Forest incident.” No, he “probably” was not. Larry Warren “probably” was. And while the author and I can debate the semantics of the use of the word ‘probably’ here, it is Larry Warren’s name and presence that have been front and center in this regard for more than thirty years now. The reason any of us even learned the names Charles Halt, John Burroughs and Jim Penniston was due only to Larry Warren’s having given them, as well other names of individuals involved to Coventry Connecticut Police Lieutenant and UFO investigator Larry Fawcett, this back in 1982. True, Halt’s name was included in the original October 2, 1983 New of the World coverage of the incident while Warren’s was noted in the same article under the pseudonym Fawcett had created for him, but the following year Warren came out under his own name, and very publicly at that, and it is *that* name which has remained at the forefront of those associated with the Rendlesham Forest incident ever since. It was years before the colonel publically began to speak out on his involvement, during which time Larry Warren was left to go it alone in the face of public speculation and accusations, this while Halt, Penniston and Burroughs (commendably) continued their hitches in the Air Force.

Nick then cites a series of statements made by Halt underscoring his involvement. This is certainly fair and appropriate, but the first of them is dated November 2007, hardly establishing the colonel a pioneer in getting the word out in terms of chronology. Halt’s pro-UFO and pro-UFO cover-up statements are worthy of our respect, especially in their having come from an honorably retired United States Air Force officer, and it is his opinion that the intelligences behind the RFI were extraterrestrial in nature, the likelihood of which I agree. It is also in this chapter that Nick makes reference to a September 2012 clash between Halt and Colonel John Alexander, a retired Army officer who undertook his own unofficial investigation into the possibility of a government UFO cover-up. When Alexander concludes there was no Rendlesham cover-up, Halt responds that he is naïve, something with which I concur. But again, far more important is what Nick has chosen to leave out of this chapter, and in the process creating the distinct and decidedly false impression that all is copasetic between the officer and the two former enlisted men. He does this by omitting a number of ‘facts in evidence,’ at least in this reviewer’s opinion. In his article, “Rendlesham Forest Thirty Three Years On,” which appeared in the October 2013 issue of *UFO Truth Magazine*, Mr. Halt makes clear at least some of the ‘missing in action’ information I refer to:

“The individuals originally involved in the first night/sighting have changed their story numerous times, to the point that one wonders what’s going on.

At least four individuals - the three that were involved in the initial sighting and a wannabee (*Warren, in Halt’s incorrect opinion*), according to them were brought to the Office of Special Investigation (OSI) and “debriefed” with injected drugs and hypnotized by Special Agents. They (*Jim and John*) did not make me aware of this until several years later. If I had known then I would have gotten involved. I am convinced the purpose of the “debriefing” was to get the facts and to plant false memories. There’s no doubt the “debriefing” was a success. On one occasion, one of the individuals (*Burroughs*) has taken me to the wrong “landing site” and made claims that were clearly wrong. (*Italics Halt’s*) *For 20+ years I repeatedly saw a notebook from the incident that was supposedly*

made that night on scene. I never saw any binary codes in the book and there are several glaring errors with what's now being shown as authentic.

None of this means the event didn't occur. I'm firmly convinced the individuals that are now making different or absurd claims were messed with, for the lack of a better term.

It's truly sad the way what's happened has ruined the lives of several of the participants. I have tried to help them on several occasions only to be re-buffed. I knew two of the original participants from the first encounter (*Penniston and Burroughs*) very well personally. One worked with me countless hours as a Police Liaison in the command post on exercises. He was earmarked for special promotion. As a result of the UFO incident this didn't happen. Another, I rode with on patrol numerous times. Both had their careers derailed and their personal lives turned upside down. They were never the same after the incident and the "debriefing."

For me, Charles Halt long ago emerged as the most enigmatic player among the witnesses. He is in the unique position of being both witness/victim and manipulator, especially with regard to the influence he had over Jim and John for most of their adult lives – and in that respect he has successfully played the pair off against Warren for several decades now. It's both interesting and depressing and not without some irony, to observe that the kind of critical undermining which Halt has used against Warren for so long he now applies to undermine the credibility of Burroughs and Penniston. Oh what a tangled web we weave. There is no question that Larry Warren's 1982 'outing' of the colonel caused significant problems in both his professional and private life, this while he has always maintained it has nothing to do with his opinions about or attitude toward my coauthor. Halt's treatment of Burroughs has been particularly shabby though, exemplified by his statement about John having taken him to the wrong landing site, and that Burroughs had "made claims that were clearly wrong." How can Halt possibly know with certainty what the correct or incorrect first night landing site was? He was not there. John Burroughs was.

Given this fact, I found it interesting that throughout the book Jim Penniston is particularly respectful and supportive in his references to Halt as exemplified here: "Colonel Halt is an officer who truly believes you are only as good as the people you command. From Major Command evaluations to local evaluations. The Colonel believes it was the NCO corps that made it all happen. That his conduct in regards to The Rendlesham Forest incident, well, he was only following orders. And he stretched those orders as far as he could without jeopardizing his career." But the thing that frustrated me most about reading this chapter was remembering all the authors had claimed about their book being the definitive, tell-all-they-knew investigation of the Rendlesham incident, yet when finally given the opportunity to do so, they continue to withhold information that would have revealed a fuller and more truthful picture of what was going on behind the scenes, especially with regard to the enigmatic colonel. The best example I can give of this is as follows.

The first half of July 2009 found me in Roswell New Mexico. I had just completed a job for the city in my role as a consultant. Specifically, I had helped to organize that year's annual UFO conference and accompanying festival. I had remained in town following the events to talk with an assortment of local business people, to speak before the City Council at the invitation of Mayor Journey, and to

spend some additional time with friends there. Toward the end of that week I went for a drive out into the desert with my friend Pat Colligan, then serving as a correctional officer at the prison just outside of Roswell. As we sat in his car talking, my cell phone rang. It was John Burroughs. I will always remember that call as it remains the only time that John has ever called me. Pat clearly remembers it as well, and in one of those coincidences that keep life interesting, he is also a veteran of RAF Bentwaters, having served there as a Nuclear Weapons Specialist from 1977 to 1980. He was rotated on to his next assignment, Griffiss AFB in Rome New York in July 1980, five months prior to the UFO incident, and while not close to any of the incident principles, he did remember both Halt and Burroughs.

John had phoned to tell me several things. First, that he was now convinced that Colonel Halt had misled him on a number of occasions and that he no longer trusted the man. Second, that he was planning to bring together as many of the Rendlesham witnesses as possible for a thirtieth anniversary event the following year, something that many of us wanted to see happen. John was working his plan in ways I could never have, including networking with a good number of the men who had been assigned to the base at the time. I told him I thought it was a great idea and that he could count on me and Larry to help out in any way we were able. Unfortunately the event never came off, but not for lack of John's commendable efforts. A few days later, on July 8, he sent me a copy of an email that he had sent to Charles Halt along with the latter's response. It was a communication in which the retired sergeant did not pull any punches. I read it with interest, growing more impressed with John's straightforwardness and in putting himself on the line with his former Air Force superior. At no point during our phone call, nor in any initial or subsequent follow-up – nor in any other written or spoken communication since then did he say, suggest or state that what he had sent me should be considered confidential, though I chose to do so for the next three years. When I finally did make its contents public, it was in the context of a 2012 talk on Rendlesham that I had given in Arizona. After viewing a DVD of my talk, John posted the following:

“In his complete presentation he goes on to say Jim and I are being controlled (*to the best of my memory, not the word I used*) by Halt. Yet he reads some E-mails that I exchanged with Halt. He never had my permission to read those but I'm sure he had a excuse on why he did it. In those E-mails I'm taking on Halt on some of the statements he has made. Just like I'm doing with Him and Warren. Its OK that I took on Halt but its not OK that I question what they have had to say.”

Why John chose not to share the contents of these significant emails with readers is a mystery to me. And if he did pass them along to Nick, then the author of record's decision to make no reference to them – or to any aspect of the underlying and ongoing conflict between Burroughs and Halt, was a decision I regard as consciously deceptive. This understood, with regard to the picture presented in the “Charles Halt Over the Years” chapter, here is John Burroughs' September 22, 2012 email reproduced exactly as I received it, sans email addresses:

From: JOHN Burroughs <email address>
Subject: Re: Bentwaters To:
Charles Halt <email address>
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 12:15 PM

“OK Col lets see if you will answer some simple questions I have! First of all Ben Jamison has a copy of your tape that he copied off the original plus paperwork and a recorded interview he did with you that we would like to use. He has a agreement with you saying he needs your permission to use it will you allow that information to be used? On the tape itself both you and Col Morgan claim to have the original tape. Who has the original tape? General Williams who claims to have no knowledge of the incident or even the fact you wrote the memo had Col Morgan make a copy of the original tape and give it to Georgina Bruni. Col Morgan Original E-mail to me started with wanting to know what organization was behind a 30 year reunion I'm trying to put together. On the reunion I have been in contact with Gary Heseltine on the movie you guys are putting together and truly hope the project will happen. I asked him if you and him would like to be involved with the reunion and his response was he would be happy to help if he could. So I'm asking you now would you like to be involved in the reunion?

Over the years I have been told you have tried to keep me out of different shows about Bentwaters IE the ABC, SciFi and History Channel production. *(Note: Charles employed the same tactic repeatedly with Larry and I, and sometimes successfully, though not in the cases of the History Channel's problematic treatment of the incident, nor in the SciFi documentary, which was a project that was personally initiated by me)* I was told by them you told them you had know Idea how to get a hold of me yet you were working with Jim Penniston who had my E-Mail address and could get a hold of me and did pass it on. On out of the Blue with Mr. Fox you told him I was lying about being out with you on the 3rd night. When I first started saying I was out there you said I never was involved at all in the 3rd night. Well your tape proved that I was. You then said I never went forward and met up with you. But I have a interview were you stating I did come forward and met up with your group! I have been told that your reasoning was I was a loose cannon and would talk to much to the press about the incident. Well you just did a press release saying that whatever you saw was ET in nature. What could I have ever said that would have caused more of a stir than that? How do you know for-sure it was ET?

I have been told by more than one person who was involved in the command structure there was no investigation done afterwards which I don't believe. The part about Col Morgan that is very interesting is he released your tape and claims to still have the original copy of it. He will not support anything you are saying on the record to include that you have the original copy of the tape you made. General Williams says he knew nothing about the incident and would not support anything you said to include your memo saying he would never have allowed it to be sent to the British. Yet he knew that Col Morgan had the original tape you made and had him make a copy of it and give it to Georgina Bruni. Then there is Col Conrad who was the Base Commander at the time and moved to the Vice Wing Commander afterwards stating he never saw anything from his house like you claim and has given no support to your claims After being asked certain questions years later he said he would have to talk to Maj Zickler about the question before he could answer them. So you have the top four people involved in the incident and yet not one of you can agree on anything to include your memo having the wrong dates and times of the incident! Everybody agrees you would have never made that kind of mistake and you even had the statements in front of you when you wrote the memo. I have also learned that there were statements written by all of the people involved in the 3rd night and collected after the incident. As far as Maj Zickler goes everybody agrees that there is know way he had

the ability or knowledge to become head of system security engineering and chief of operation security at GE Aerospace to include head of system control of the SDI program and was in charge of the GE Aerospace counterintelligence deception unit for special forces. You your self have stated he ran a major investigation afterwards involving OSI yet I can find know one who will support that.

On the questions of the paper trail of reports 1569 and Blotters you stated they were stolen. Well everybody who worked back in the area stated they were not they were available and maintained in the proper way and kept in storage the required amount of time. Everybody agrees that if they came up very interesting plus that a squadron commander seems to run the show is even more interesting! And after he departed Bentwaters moved to Eglin AFB Florida where there was then reported numerous UFO events He then moved on to become head of system security engineering and chief of operation security at GE Aerospace to include going to extensive lengths to test and create realistic scenario on Air Base Defense to include work with the US Special Forces counter intelligence deception unit.

This is just a few things I have uncovered Col Halt and would welcome your response to! I would truly like for all of us to be able to get together next year and would welcome your involvement in the reunion.

Thanks
John Burroughs”

Halt sent the following reply to John later that day, and like John’s, it also appears here in its entirety:

“I'd be interested in hearing what you learned. Zickler's involvement is no surprise.” And that was it.

As I said at the time I first made this exchange public, I salute John Burroughs’ sincere efforts to get some answers to the important questions he asked. I can only imagine that John, like me, found the colonel’s response something beyond disappointing and evasive. Again, I can only wonder why this timely and relevant exchange – or at the least, some reference to it, was excluded from *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*. Again, I think that John erred if he neglected to turn these emails over to Nick. But if he did, then Nick is guilty of withholding extremely significant information from us in a chapter ideally suited for its inclusion. In any case it’s the reader who suffers by being deprived of a fuller understanding of the complex and contradictory nature of the relationship between the colonel and the witnesses. Here, as in other parts of *Encounter In the Rendlesham Forest*, “The inside story of the world’s best-documented UFO incident” proves to be something less than fully forthcoming.

One additional note on Charles Halt before moving on to the next chapter. In the months leading up to the thirtieth anniversary of the RFI, Paul and Ben Eno, hosts of the radio show “Beyond the Paranormal” (WOON 1240 AM – Providence/Worcester/Boston and www.ONWorldwide.com), broadcast a series of ‘Rendlesham Roundtable’ panel discussions which included a number of the witnesses, as well as some of the better known researchers and writers. The first of these historic shows was broadcast on April 11, 2010 and, among others, featured Charles and Larry. During the three-hour-long program, Charles responded to a statement of Larry’s by saying, "Okay, Larry, you were

there." Finally, vindication at last, or so I thought. The former deputy base commander had finally acknowledged – on a national radio show (a CBS affiliate station at the time) that my coauthor had indeed been on location that night. And yet Mr. Halt *still* states the contrary to be the case, as in the above article excerpt where he refers to Warren as a ‘wanabe.’ You are welcome to hear his words for yourself by listening to the podcast at <http://www.behindtheparanormal.com/specialshows/rendlesham.html>.”

The next chapter, “The Most Important Bases in NATO,” is a thoughtful commentary on the military-intelligence history of Suffolk and relates, among other things, the military history of the area and how unaware locals were regarding the strategic importance of the region. It clarifies the respective roles of the USAF Law Enforcement and Security Police, and numerous specifics relating to the chain of command at the so-called Twin Base Complex, better known as RAF Woodbridge and RAF Bentwaters. It also makes clear that Pope, Burroughs and Penniston take their security oaths most seriously, and that both John and Jim feel understandably betrayed by the chain of command they had sworn allegiance to. Pope is at his best here and in a later chapter entitled “Project Condign,” given his vast knowledge of the military establishment in the UK, be it American or British. And it is also in this chapter that he addresses the loaded question of the presence of nuclear weapons at the Twin Base Complex. The author states at the outset: “We now come to a difficult point in this book,” and I can only respect the fact that this was very much the case for him, Jim and John, none of whom have ever confirmed nor denied the presence of such ordinance at RAF Bentwaters.

It is well known that the UK government’s official position is not to comment on such matters in an ongoing policy known as ‘NCND:’ neither confirm or deny. However, an outstanding exception to this rule was exemplified in a number of statements made by the late Admiral Lord Peter Hill-Norton, a former Admiral of the Fleet and former Chief of the MoD’s Defence staff, essentially the equivalent of an American Secretary of Defense, except for the fact that he is not a civilian. Following his departure from the military, Hill-Norton went on to serve his country as a MP in the House of Lords. It was during this period that my coauthor and I first contacted him, this through an introduction arranged for us by British UFO author and authority Timothy Good – the one person in ufology who the distinguished Englishman looked to and fully trusted and respected in regard to matters UFO. Hill-Norton went on to become one of my coauthor’s and my most ardent champions in the UK, and someone who took most seriously the information Larry Warren had made public, that being that the United States indeed had considerable nuclear ordinance stored at RAF Bentwaters, this in full violation of the treaty then existing between the UK and the US at the time of the incident.

As Nick Pope can well attest, Peter Hill-Norton was very much a larger-than-life individual who not only did not suffer fools lightly, he did not suffer them at all. And apparent by his words and actions, had little use for the ‘NCND’ policy when he felt it conflicted with what he believed to be more important issues. While *Left At East Gate* is completely absent from this book’s index, we find a reference to it on page fifty-four when Nick refers to a 1997 exchange between MP (Member of Parliament) Lord Hill-Norton and Lord Gilbert, the then-Secretary for Defence. *Left At East Gate* is never acknowledged as the source of Nick’s statement, but the reader should be aware that on October 28, 1997, Hill-Norton, personal copy of *Left At East Gate* in hand, posed the following formal Parliamentary Question to Lord Gilbert during a session of the House of Lords: “Whether the allegations

contained in the recently published book *Left At East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in violation of UK/US treaty obligations are true.” It was one of four specific questions the MP drew directly from his reading of *Left At East Gate* and put to the Secretary for Defense at that time. Lord Gilbert, who *was* and adherent of the NCND policy, responded to the question as such. The exact questions and responses were all dutifully noted in Hansard’s Official Report, an edited verbatim report of proceedings of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and Parliament’s equivalent of *The Congressional Daily Record*, something which Larry Warren and I will always be proud of.



*Admiral of the Fleet Peter John Hill-Norton, Baron Hill-Norton,
GCB was a senior Royal Navy officer.*

Pope states that the second of the four questions posed by the MP ‘‘is inspired by what Hill-Norton had learned about Charles Halt’s UFO sighting and in particular by the final remarks on the tape recording, about the UFO firing light beams onto the base. In Hill-Norton’s words, ‘‘Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Bentwaters were struck by light beams from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what subsequent action was taken.’’ In fact this question was decidedly *not* ‘‘inspired by what Hill-Norton had learned about Charles Halt’s UFO sighting and in particular by the final remarks on the tape recording, about the

UFO firing light beams onto the base.” It was ‘inspired’ by Hill-Norton having read it in *Left At East*, specifically something I had written in 1996 that appears on page four-hundred-thirteen: “For me, Halt’s response was the equivalent of breaking a confidence. That is why I have decided to break the confidence that was implied when Halt asked me to turn off my tape recorder. He told us three things: He was very much aware of the NSA’s interest in Larry. He had personally attempted to gain access to Larry’s military record, without success. Light beams had penetrated the hardened bunkers of Bentwaters’ weapons-security area. That was it, and that is plenty. I hope Halt understands why I have taken this action. Larry wanted to do it himself, but his doing so might have appeared personally based. This is not a personal matter.”

Pope reemploys this tactic regarding the source of the information he presents which of course the reader is again unable to verify. Here once again the source was me, via Larry Warren. It was I and no one else who put this information on the record, and seventeen years ago at that. It was, has, and never will be available in its first-hand form anywhere other than in the pages of *Left At East Gate* which remains the only place the author could have learned of it despite what he states to the contrary. From page fifty five of their book: ““There was a second question, inspired by what Lord Hill-Norton had learned about Charles Halt’s UFO sighting and in particular by the final remarks on the tape recording, about the UFO firing beams onto the base: “Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Woodbridge were struck by light beams fired from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what action was subsequently taken.””

Hill-Norton was of course aware of Halt’s account and of the light beam that he and the personnel accompanying him witnessed, but it was not the subject of the question he posed to Lord Gilbert. In 1993, some months after Larry and I had conducted and recorded an extensive interview with Charles Halt, we returned to the United Kingdom to continue our research and investigation. It was during this trip that we both spoke with Lord Hill-Norton from a pay phone just outside of the South London hotel we were staying at, the nuclear presence at Bentwaters being one of the subjects of that conversation. To the best of my knowledge Charles Halt never had any contact with Lord Hill-Norton. The recorded interview (recorded with the consent of all present with a copy supplied to Charles Halt) referred to took place on Tuesday February 16 1993 at a time and location of Halt’s choosing;

**RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge:
Nuclear Weapons Allegations**

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty’s Government:
Whether the allegations contained in the recently published book *Left at East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in violation of UK/US treaty obligations are true.

Lord Gilbert: It has always been the policy of this and previous governments neither to confirm nor to deny where nuclear weapons are located either in the UK or elsewhere, in the past or at the present time. Such information would be withheld under exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty’s Government:
Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Woodbridge were struck by light beams fired from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what action was subsequently taken.

Lord Gilbert: There is no evidence to suggest that the Ministry of Defence received any such reports.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty’s Government:
What information they have on the suicide of the United States security policeman from the 81st Security Police Squadron who took his life at RAF Bentwaters in January 1981, and whether they will detail the involvement of the British police, Coroner’s Office, and any other authorities concerned.

Lord Gilbert: MoD has no information concerning the alleged suicide. Investigations into such occurrences are carried out by the US Forces.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty’s Government:
What information they have on the medical problems experienced by various United States Air Force personnel based at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, which stemmed from their involvement in the so-called Rendlesham Forest incident, in December 1980.

Lord Gilbert: Information on medical matters relating to US personnel is a matter for the US authorities.

1:30 PM in the food court of a shopping mall appropriately named 'Pentagon City' that is situated directly across the highway from the Pentagon. I will never forget the exact words the then-recently retired officer used to describe the effects of the light beams. They had: "adversely affected the ordinance."

In Robert Hastings' 2008 book, "*UFOs and Nukes*," the author relates that, following an interview he conducted with the colonel in February 2006, "Halt expanded upon his remarks via email. "I never told [*Left At East Gate* author] Peter Robbins any structure was penetrated by beams. I was several miles away. From my view, a beam or more came down near the WSA. I don't know for a fact that the beams landed there. I know they were in the area. I was too far away but relied on the radio chatter which indicated the beams had landed there.'" This passage is memorable for me not only for the obvious reason, but because to the best of my knowledge it marks the only time that anyone has ever deliberately lied about me in a book in my more than thirty years in the field of UFO studies. Larry Warren and, at the time, UFO researcher Bob Oechsler (who had driven us to the meeting), were also present when Halt made the statement, should this be of significance to the reader. I understand the colonel has since stated he *was* aware of the beams having penetrated the bunkers, but not as a witness, though I am not absolutely certain of this. I *am* however certain that I would be more than willing to undergo a Polygraph or Voice Stress Analysis regarding my allegation (or anything else in this book) and invite Charles to consider joining me in same. Not surprisingly, Nick ends this chapter without confirming or denying the presence of nuclear weapons at the Twin Base Complex, nor should we have expected him to. Penniston and Burroughs also choose to remain mum on the subject. As Nick has stated, the security oaths the three took bind them for life: "both in a legal sense and in the sense that we (he, John and Jim) remain loyal to our former government masters (his words, not mine)." This being their sincere belief, I am compelled to respect it.

We may all be of differing opinions regarding such a decision. Our authors consider their security oaths as binding to the degree that they supersede all else, while Larry Warren felt it was more important that the people of the United Kingdom and the United States be aware of a potentially cataclysmic treaty violation. Whether or not one chooses to see these opposing views or behaviors in terms of patriotic or treasonous or something between the two, it was indeed Larry Warren and he alone who made this fact public, another reason he has earned the enmity of the authors. But like Lord Hill-Norton, Warren chose to put the exposure of an extremely dangerous situation of tremendous defence significance above any oath or policy.

For the record, the results of Larry's decision to make this highly inflammatory and decidedly classified information public was the temporary loss of his right to hold an American passport, something which every American is entitled to, save for convicted felons. His passport was suspended by the State Department at a time it was due for renewal, this not long after he first spoke out on the nuclear presence at Bentwaters during a talk we had given in Nottingham in 1994. In doing so he became the first, and to date only UFO witness, military or otherwise, to have ever been subjected to such a disciplinary action. Officially the reason for this was his "speaking out on a sensitive defense issue in a public forum on foreign soil," and it took no one less than a former United States Attorney General to assist us in getting his passport reinstated. I was privileged to meet with Ramsey Clark (who served under both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson) several times leading up to our meeting with

Larry, and still number among my most prized books a copy of Clark's *The Fire This Time* inscribed to me "For Peter Robbins, who cares about truth." These facts are all documented in *Left At East Gate*.

Chapter seven, "Debriefing the Witnesses," includes the original, official statements of (among others) Penniston, Burroughs and Airman First Class Ed Cabansag who drove them to an area near the scene of their encounter. As previously noted, both Penniston and Burroughs chose to exclude important details and generally downplayed the totality of what they had observed and experienced – and for reasons we can all appreciate. While they are "essentially works of fiction," in Nick's words, there was no way either of these Law Enforcement cops were going to risk the ridicule and unwanted attention that would almost certainly have accompanied their telling the unvarnished truth in their written statements.

Chapter eight, "The Brits Are Coming," discusses how the British Government and the MoD first became aware of and involved in the events and their cover-up. Also included here is the story of how Colonel Halt was asked to loan the microsette recording he made to RAF Bentwaters Wing Commander Colonel Gordon Williams. Williams is reported to have played it at a staff meeting at RAF Mildenhall on December 30 where an incident-related smokescreen then began to fall into place. Pope also lays out a time line on which the British were first contacted, this originally through RAF Squadron Leader and liaison officer Donald Moreland. It was Moreland who ordered Halt to write a memo to the Ministry, but to "sanitize" it, as in minimize and downplay. There is little new information here, but the chapter offers a succinct overview of all the confusion, errors and poor decision-making that took place in the days following the events on the part of both the Americans and the British.

Much has been made of 'the Halt tape' over the years. It is in fact a segment of a longer recording the officer made that night but has never released to the public, something Larry and I learned from Charles himself. *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* includes a transcription of the tape in its appendices. Almost everyone familiar with the RFI has heard portions of this recording over the years as clips from it long ago became a staple of television programs and documentaries on Rendlesham. But how it first came into the public domain is a lesser known story. For the record, the copy that Halt made for Gordon Williams was loaned to another officer who then made a copy for himself. Not surprisingly, several other copies came into existence in like manner within this circle of officers, one of whom ended up giving a copy to an English barrister and UFO researcher named Harry Harris. Harris in turn then sold it to Nippon Television through NTV producer Jinishi (Jimmy) Yaoi. In October 1984 NTV flew Larry Warren to Tokyo for a series of television appearances and interviews. Once there, Jim played the tape for Larry and gave him a copy prior to his departure from Japan. That December Warren gave it to Larry Fawcett who reproduced it for himself and fellow investigators, then passed it on to CNN's military and technology correspondent Chuck DeCaro. DeCaro in turn excerpted a portion for CNN's three-part Special Report on the Rendlesham Forest Incident which was broadcast internationally in early 1985.

Skeptical theories that might have accounted for the incident are reviewed by the author, then appropriately dismissed in Chapter Nine. The list is fairly substantial if well-known and includes such

theories as the possible influence of drugs on the personnel involved, alcohol, delusions, practical jokes, unauthorized vehicles, meteors, rockets, mind control, secret projects and the always ridiculous and insulting lighthouse theory. Chapter Ten book-ends with what Nick terms “Exotic Theories,” namely, whether the intelligences responsible for the events of December 1980 were extraterrestrials, beings from some parallel universe or hidden dimension, or time travelers. The lion’s share of theoretics and ‘what ifs’ are reserved for the pros and cons of ET’s or time travelers as the culprits responsible. No conclusion is reached or offered.

“The Story Gets Out” chapter begins with some interesting background on secret keeping in the Eighties and the origins of how the events in Suffolk made their way into public consciousness. Here Pope makes reference to how one ‘Steve Roberts’ (a pseudonym) alluding to the events shortly after they’d occurred to the partner of Brenda Butler, a local Suffolk woman with a serious interest in UFOs and the paranormal. The book *Skycrash* was written by Butler with Jenny Randles and Dot Street and was the first book available on the subject. It was published in 1984, and that while well-meaning, says the author, the information it communicated was more confusing than accurate. Then, at the bottom of page 126 we are officially introduced to Larry Warren.

Pope gives a fairly accurate retelling of Warren’s published account, right up until the end when several heretofore new details – new to me and Larry at least, are presented to the reader. They are, that the ‘beings’ Larry reported seeing were inside, and not on the exterior of the craft, and that during the incident other lights were observed in the sky and beams of light were being fired to the ground, at least according to Larry’s account. What is the source or origin of these non-existent details? Presumably only the author knows. Nick then states that an officer, “possibly Halt but more likely Williams” enters the scene. Larry has *never* claimed or stated that the officer referred to here was Colonel Halt. It was and has always been Williams. We then learn of an alleged communication between Williams and the three figures. Specifics of this source are sketchy, “but over the years one claim that surfaced is that the phrases “electronics division” and “part of another world” were used, prompting UFO believers to come up with theories revolving around a damaged alien spacecraft being repaired by the USAF.” In choosing to introduce these rumors – for that is all they are or have ever been – at this specific moment in the text, and phrasing them in the precise manner he has, can only lead the reader to conclude the source of the “one claim” was Larry Warren. It was not, nor has it ever been.

The following day’s debriefing, the one that Warren was involved in, is then discussed with the addition of several new inaccuracies. We are told that two debriefers presided when Larry has only and always maintained that there were three. Nick accurately reports that at the end of the debriefing it is Warren who asked the question, ““What would happen if they talked about the UFO?” ““Bullets are cheap,” he said with a smile.”” However we are then told that this was followed by the remark, ““Yeah, they’re a dime a dozen.”” The continuing frustration of not having any footnotes to refer to aside, where did Nick come up with these patent inaccuracies? I’d never heard of either before reading them in this book and Larry Warren has never said or written them. Am I splitting hairs here? I don’t think so. Wrong is wrong. If Pope can cite a source for these alleged statements I’d appreciate his letting us know it or them. And just in case anyone feels the need to question whether or not the colorful yet ominous response, “Bullets are cheap,” was actually uttered, it came from one Commander Richardson of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), the only uniformed debriefer among

the three, and in the unsolicited words of Steve LaPlume, a fellow Security Police Specialist also assigned to D Flight the night before and who was also present at the debriefing: “I remember that Navy guy saying that “Bullets are cheap.” The difference between us, I guess, is that I believed him.”

Nick is ‘fair’ in asking us what we are to make of Warren’s recollections in that “his account contains elements that we have encountered in the accounts of other witnesses,” but that it is “problematic for several reasons.” First, that “none of the other witnesses recall seeing him (Larry) at any stage during the various encounters.” And second, “Just about all of the other witnesses are able to point to one, two or more people who were with them at the time, so that’s their corroboration.” How could Nick, Jim and John have overlooked the (also) unsolicited statement of 81st Security Police Specialist Greg Battram, also assigned to D Flight on the third night and included in *Left At East Gate*, as well as in several articles and papers I’ve written on the subject since then: “I know you were out in that forest ‘cause I saw you there, and we were all full PRP (Personal Reliability Pledge).”

The fact of the matter is that Larry has been on record from the earliest relating of his account that he *could* point to another person who was with him at the time, that being Sergeant Adrian Bustinza who stood at his side throughout the incident in the field. Adrian has made it clear for decades that he has no desire whatsoever to become a part of the public and ongoing dialogue among witnesses, writers and researchers, but in a rare exception, felt compelled to make a most important statement in defense of Larry’s involvement. It was predicated by a claim made last autumn by John Burroughs and posted on his and Jim Penniston’s Facebook page that he had spoken with Adrian who told him Larry was not there on the third night. Apparently Adrian never made such a statement to John, and when he learned about John’s saying that he had, felt compelled to share the truth of the matter with a Rendlesham researcher he both respected and trusted.

In a related development, some months back I learned that I might have made an error, then repeated it in a public post, the original information coming to me from the Norfolk-based researcher Adrian had contacted. Had I misinterpreted something Ronnie Dugdale had told me about the exchange between him and Adrian Bustinza, in that I mistakenly characterized Adrian’s words rather than quoting them? After learning that John Burroughs felt this to be the case I contacted Ronnie to confirm whether I had been right or wrong. Ronnie responded that Adrian had written the following to him in a Facebook message: “OK I will say this YES, YES Larry was there!!! But so was John, and the rest of the guy's. I know who was with me at all three different times of one night because I was instructed to go with certain guy's and to go pick-up certain Lt's, Sgt's and Yes I was all over the place because I was the NCOIC that night! That means that I could go anywhere and I did.” Ronnie is someone who has more than earned my trust over the years, and when I contacted him about this he reconfirmed the content of the above Facebook message.

Then there is the statement of Master Sergeant Ray Gulyas. We were introduced to him on page nineteen of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* when, along with Jim Penniston, he was ordered to join Major Drury and Captain Verrano the morning after in an inspection of the first night landing site. At that time Gulyas measured the area and took photographs which he then gave to Captain Verrano. But the sergeant’s interest in the event apparently ran deep. Pope: “In a telling foretaste of the suspi-

cion that would soon infect many of the participants, in these strange events, Gulyas returned to the site later to take his own photos (and) Bizarrely, like Penniston, took plaster casts of the indentations on the ground – again, on his own initiative.” Why is Master Sergeant Gulyas relevant here? Because in 1985, he, Larry Warren and other involved USAF personnel were filmed for the very first CNN *Special Assignment* that the then-fledgling news organization was in the process of producing. Part two of the report featured interviews with Greg Battram, Sergeants’ Ball and Gulyas and Captain Verrano, among others. Gulyas, face and voice disguised, makes a number of thoughtful comments, then adds, “We saw flying objects containing maybe other people and (an)other life form.” Like others who were filmed by CNN, the precautionary action of disguise is a good indication of the fear of ridicule any of us might experience when pressed to go on the record on national, and in this case, international television. This is a key to why other Capel Green third night witnesses have been loath to follow Larry Warren into public life. In *Left At East Gate* Warren expressed his disappointment about this and more:

“Bernard Shaw introduced the final *Special Assignment* with something like, “This airman may be alone when he claims he saw UFOs at RAF Bentwaters, but he also claims to have seen alien beings as well.” Alone? What about the other guys who saw UFOs, and said so on the show? DeCaro (CNN military and technology reporter) then amended the situation somewhat. “Warren’s description of the transformed object match what three airmen reported at the same location the night before. But Warren’s story takes an even stranger twist.” There I was, under my own name, the only witness not blacked out, directly answering DeCaro’s questions about the life-forms we saw. CNN placed my experience on the second night of events, when it had been on the third. Why did the media insist on revising history? Apart from the error of referring to Gordon Williams as a lieutenant colonel, I stated only what I knew to be true. At the end of the interview, DeCaro’s voice came in again: “CNN has contacted two airmen who Warren said were present that night. Both say that something happened, but neither confirm nor deny Warren’s story.” Fear of ridicule. Fear of consequences. To rephrase a question I asked earlier, if you had been a part of this contingent of men would you have decided to come forward after the fact and publically lend your voice to Larry Warren’s, just because you had witnessed it. Just because it had happened, or just because you felt it was important? I don’t think I would have.

Pope notes that “Another problem is that there’s no witness statement from Warren and neither do any of the other witness statements mention him.” Here again the author seems to have forgotten, neglected or ignored this part of Larry’s account, occurring just before his debriefing and appearing on pages fifty-one and fifty-two of *Left At East Gate*, a book he certainly read prior to publication in page-proof form, and, one is compelled to deduce from his repeated references to it throughout, in the preparation of *Incident In the Rendlesham Forest*.

Excerpted here from our book, Larry Warren on “no witness statement from Warren:” “We faced a long counter on which numerous documents were arranged in stacks, one for each of us. I tried to scan them, but they were too much to absorb. A staff sergeant named Jackson, whom I recognized from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) told us to sign our names at the bottom of each document and not to forget to write our Social Security number under our names.

As I leafed through mine, I tried to remember all I could in the time I had. One was a Joint Army Navy Air Publication (JANAP) 146, a rather standard, all-encompassing security document. A few others seemed routine as well, not unlike the papers I signed when I entered the air force (*sic*), basically reaffirming our security oaths. But two stapled pages stood apart from the rest. As I read them, I got mad: the document was a typed statement as to what each of us had seen in the forest. Each statement was the same – a whitewash of what we had witnessed the night before. It stated that we had only seen some unusual lights in the trees, and nothing more. I couldn't believe it. An airman named Russell protested the contents of the statement, saying it was not accurate. We were told to sign them and go into Major Zickler's office. I signed the damn thing and went into the chief's office." So much for "no witness statement from Warren."

To his credit, Pope goes out of his way to say that, despite Halt's insistence that Warren hadn't even been posted to RAF Bentwaters at the time, his paperwork clearly establishes Halt's claim to have been incorrect. Here again though, Pope relies on yet one more uncredited fact made public only by me. It was something that Halt communicated to me directly on June 23, 1992 at the outset of our first telephone conversation: "His participation *wasn't*." It goes on from there. Nick correctly states that hypnosis can implant false memories, though I think he should have made it clear that this would only be likely in the case of an irresponsible, incompetent or agenda-driven practitioner. References to the use of sodium pentothal have been used by some of the witnesses, but it's my belief that the drug administered, either on its own or in tandem with sodium pentothal, was far more likely sodium amytal given its documented effectiveness in creating false memories rather than in getting a subject to tell the truth. Note: It's important to remember that, given what these and other witnesses were put through following their anomalous experiences, some aspects of their respective accounts may always be open to question, even, and perhaps especially by the witnesses themselves. I think that John, Jim and Larry would all agree.

More follows about those who were involved in disseminating incident-related information early on, again, such as 'Steve Roberts' (actually a sergeant named J. D. Engles) and David Potts, another pseudonym, in this case a RAF Watton radar operator. It's in this chapter that Pope includes a brief section on some of the early researchers who looked into and contributed to what we know about the incident. I should add that in the sub-section (a single paragraph) dedicated to the American researchers who "played a key part in bringing the Rendlesham Forest incident out of the shadows," there is no mention of this particular investigative writer and bestselling Rendlesham author.

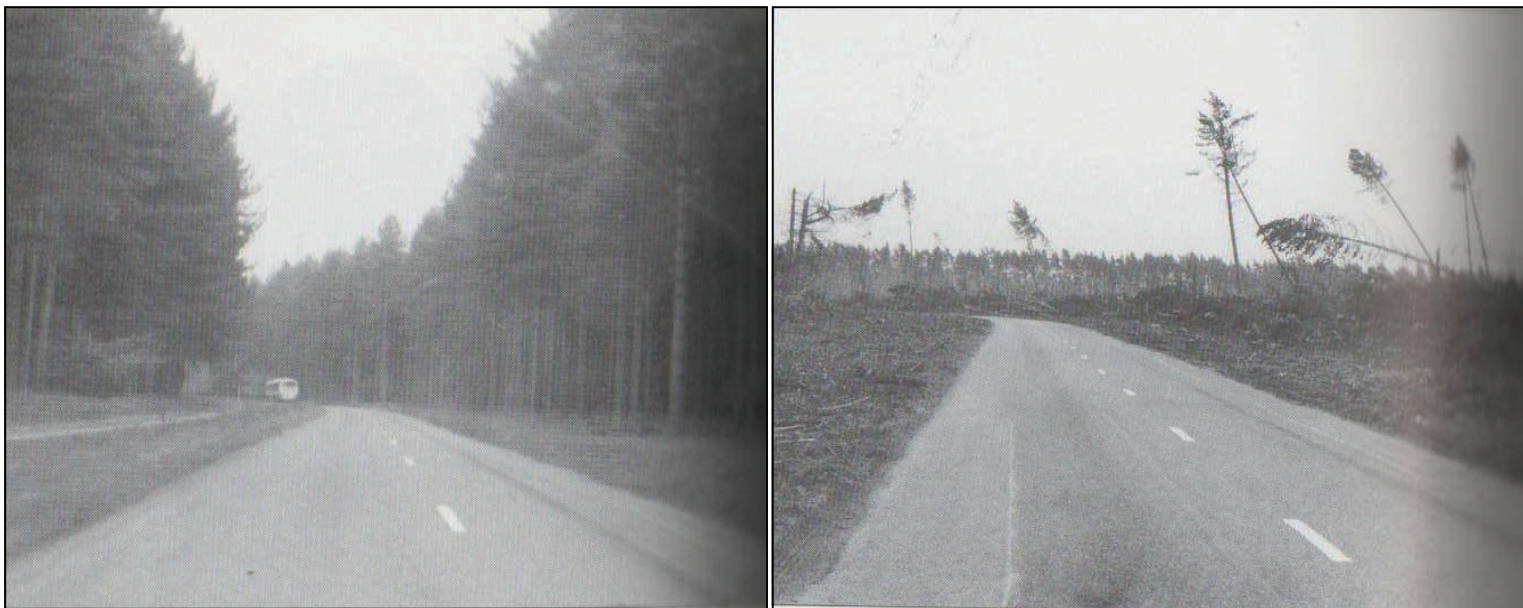
"Rendlesham Rumors" (chapter twelve) continues on in a similar vein and reviews some of the best and least known rumors, beliefs, claims and gossip surrounding the events. Among the topics covered are, were jets scrambled to intercept the UFO, post-incident postings, any connection with a classified radar system named 'Cobra Mist,' possible involvement of the HMS Norfolk, alleged evacuation alerts at local prisons, a cover story of a biohazard alert, and men in black. I definitely learned a few things here, but just as my attitude was picking up, I was stopped cold by more, let's call them 'untruths by omission,' under the topic headings of "Post-Incident Suicides" and "Weather Weapons." Here the author begins by telling us about the "disturbing rumors in relation to the incident that a young security policeman nicknamed Alabama ... committed suicide after the events, because he was unable to handle what happened."

This ‘rumor’ (to the best of my knowledge there were no “disturbing rumors,” plural) was, in Pope’s words, “brought to the attention of Lord Hill-Norton ... (who) “decided to probe further by asking a formal, written question in the House of Lords.” Nick then quotes the suicide-related question posed by the MP and the response he received from the Secretary for Defence. In the process we learn something about the chain of events which accompany such an inquiry. As for Nick’s coauthors, Penniston is unable to recall any suicides during this period or at any other time during his deployment at RAF Bentwaters, and Burroughs states “No suicides that I’m aware of.” And so, in Pope’s words, “Notwithstanding, we have no evidence that would substantiate the claim of any suicides being directly attributable to the Rendlesham Forest Incident.” There is a major evasion and omission at play here, but not that the reader will notice as they are unable to access the source of this most serious allegation. The source, and there was only one, was Larry Warren. He was a first responder to the scene where the young airman had placed his M16 under his chin, pulled the trigger, and blown the top of his head off, this on a remote stretch of RAF Bentwaters tarmac. We are first introduced to ‘Alabama’ on page thirty-nine of *Left At East Gate*, in fact he was my coauthor’s roommate. But let Larry tell you:

“Many events followed in rapid succession. Some were tragic. One of the first odd things I noticed was that some of my fellow cops, ones who had seen the UFO, were suddenly no longer on base. The poor kid who’d read the Bible during the debriefing was so shook up about being told that religion had been invented to maintain order and control that soon after he went AWOL. He flew to Chicago, where he was met by the FBI, put on the next plane to England, and returned to duty. He’d told me he felt the place was evil and that, if he didn’t get out, he’d die. Shortly thereafter, he blew his head off while on post. I saw the aftermath of the suicide, and it wasn’t pleasant. People who didn’t know the truth said he had been unstable to begin with; I knew otherwise. For the base commanders, the tragedy was just one more thing to cover up. For me, it was one more thing to expose.”

This event was indeed covered-up, quickly, and obviously effectively. The death of this young man might well have been relegated to obscurity had Larry Warren not made sure that his roommate’s suicide would become a matter of record. And the single reason Lord Hill-Norton “decided to probe further” was because he read about Alabama’s suicide in his copy of *Left At East Gate* – but unlike Pope, Penniston or Burroughs, Hill-Norton took the report seriously. Seriously enough to put it in the form of a “formal, written question in the House of Lords,” which he asked on October 28, 1997 along with the content of the other three questions he had learned only through Larry Warren and me.

The second sub-topic to draw my enmity, “Weather Weapons,” began by acknowledging the terrible destruction that the “Great Storm” of October 1987 wrought on the Rendlesham Forest. Here Nick correctly notes that “Larry Warren has claimed that when stationed at Bentwaters/Woodbridge he saw what has been dubbed a cloudbuster – a device aimed to create rainfall. This device was based on the controversial theories of the psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich.” The author then briefly reviews other UK and US weather modification experiments and sums up the sub-section, “This is all rather tenuous; a mixture of historical rumor and fact about weather modification experiments, most of which predates the Rendlesham Forest incident; a claim by Larry Warren; and the fact that (years after the Rendlesham Forest incident) Rendlesham Forest was hard hit by a freak storm.”



*Before and after the so-called “freak storm” of October 1987.
Photos: Larry Warren May 1985, Peter Robbins February 1988.*

Yes, this claim is true. Larry did tell me this, and was most insistent in doing so. He was certain he had seen what would have been a huge version of a cloudbuster (flatbed trailer-mounted and painted olive drab) by the base flight line, but he brought this to my attention only after he came upon a photograph of one in a brochure he picked up and read in my apartment. It was published by the American College of Orgonomy (the scientific study of how energy functions), an organization involved in the furthering of Dr. Reich’s scientific discoveries and located in Princeton New Jersey. For the record, the “device” that Nick Pope characterizes here as “based on the controversial theories of the psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich,” is hardly theoretical. Years ago I was invited to observe the demonstration of one at a location in rural New Jersey. As I and the other invited guests listened to the trained cloudbuster operator tell us what he was about to do, we watched the cloudbuster cut a cloud in half, vaporize a cloud, and create clouds where none had previously been, among other things. To this day that afternoon remains one of the most memorable and exciting of my life.

The brochure was in my apartment because at the time I was a volunteer fundraiser for this institution. Prior to this, Larry had never even seen a picture of this apparatus, nor was he familiar with Dr. Reich’s scientific work and discoveries other than what he had learned from me in the few months prior. I on the other hand had been deeply involved with these studies since I was a teenager and remained so throughout the period we worked together on *Left At East Gate*, and in fact still am. But why did the author choose to present Larry’s allegation as “a claim by Larry Warren,” and in a manner that suggested he was the only witness to observe such an apparatus by the RAF Bentwaters flight line? Two additional, unsolicited witnesses insisted they had also seen such a cloudbuster there as well. Howard and Grace, who Larry and I conducted a tape-recorded interview with on August 25, 1991 in Glens Falls, New York, were a most credible married couple, both honorably retired USAF sergeants who had served together at the Twin Base Complex in 1982 and 1983. And their account was hardly hidden away in some arcane source. It appears on pages one-fifty-one and one-fifty-two of *Left At East Gate*. Because easily available, first-rate evidence of additional witnesses is

withheld, Larry Warren again appears to be the lone witness or lone claimant to an aspect of the RFI while the documented facts say otherwise. Neither is acceptable in a book claiming to be “a definitive account of the RFI,” in Jim Penniston’s words.

Chapter thirteen is entitled “No Defense Significance?” It is all Nick’s and constitutes the most unsailably accurate writing in the book. In it the former MoD official gives a capsule history of the Ministry’s UFO Project, some of which will be new to American UFO researchers and I daresay a number of their UK counterparts. He discusses the influence of the US UFO policies on those of the British military and intelligence communities and introduces us to key figures who were involved on both sides of the Atlantic during this period. Pope also speaks frankly if briefly about his years at the Ministry of Defence (1985-2006). At the time of his retirement he was an Acting Deputy Director in the Directorate of Defence Security, no mien accomplishment. It was during the period of 1991 to 1994 that he “worked as a civil servant within Secretariat (Air Staff),” and it is here we’re told, in the words of Under Secretary for Defence, Doug Touhig, that: “Part of his duties related to the investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena reported to the Department to see if they had any defence significance.”

Reading about the work Nick did during this period of his life especially re-impressed upon me the seriousness of his commitment to the security of his country, even knowing him for as long and as well as I do. A valuable point of focus in this chapter relates to the specifics of the phrase “defence significance,” as used and understood within the Ministry, and it is something of an education in itself on how the military-intelligence mindset functions. The author zeros in on the extremely relevant importance of the term ‘defence significance’ when applied to the matter of ‘unidentified aerial phenomena’ in general, and the case of the Rendlesham Forest incident in specific. “Project Con-dign” was a study which Nick Pope was directly involved in and whose aims were centered on codifying the procedures surrounding the handling of UFO-related information within the Ministry. It gives us a window into this complex process as well as detailing the specifics of the author’s active participation, or more accurately, what the author has been cleared to share with us about his participation. Pope was involved in this project both when he was assigned to Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a (UFO-involved), and for a time afterward.

The act of both hiding and acquiring information concurrently is part of the lifeblood of members of the intelligence community, a place where unidentified flying objects mutate into unidentified aerial phenomena and hard questions are ultimately asked about the potential applications of UFO-related technology, something which all rational students of the subject agree is a primary objective of military-intelligence and government interest. John Burroughs’ comments at the end of this chapter were both thoughtful and perceptive: “If you look at the MoD papers it’s very clear there is a race by many countries to get their hands on the technology that we encountered over those three nights. And yet, so far as most people in the world are concerned, they just want to know if we’re alone or not. It’s very clear there is a race, around the world, to have the upper hand in technology which would then give that government an upper hand not only on its own people, but on the entire world.”

“Beyond Rendlesham” (chapter fifteen) is a brief compendium of some of the world’s best-known UFO incidents, all but one of which are well-known to UFO investigators worldwide. They include

the 1948 Captain Thomas Mantel incident, USAF pilot Milton Torres 1957 'shoot-down' order, the 1976 Iranian UFO incident, the 1978 Frederick Valentich disappearance, the 1980 Cash-Landrum encounter, the 1997 Phoenix lights, and so on. The information in this chapter will only be of interest to the novice or anyone completely unfamiliar with ufology. "Other Voices" follows "Beyond Rendlesham," and presents "some of the other opinions that have been offered on the Rendlesham Forest incident, by people whose opinions are relevant or particularly significant, given their position." The primary personage here is Lord Hill-Norton and Jim and John take the opportunity to express their appreciation for the former's courageous position with regard to the UFO question. 'Other voices' heard or referred to are Margret Thatcher, the late Georgina Bruni, author of the book, *You Can't Tell the People*, Michael Portillo (Secretary for Defence between 1995 and 1997), Colonel Ted Conrad (Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters at the time of the incident), Paul Hellyer, a retired Minister of Defence and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, and, a personal hero of mine, Apollo 14 Lunar Module pilot, Dr. Edgar Mitchell.

Chapter seventeen is titled "The Search for Answers" and with the exception of brief opening and closing remarks by Nick, is entirely written by Pat Frasogna, the author's attorney. Save for the last chapter, this is the one and only part of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* not written by Nick, Jim or John, and a disappointing reminder of one of the promises the book fails to deliver on. In Jim's words: "We have a number of contributors which will lay out much of the particulars with it, along with our never told accounting and supporting evidence." Mr. Frasogna begins by telling us how he first became interested in the RFI (watching a 2008 episode of the television program "UFO Hunters"), and how it fired his interest in learning more about the case. And in fact the attorney went on to learn all he could about the Rendlesham incident. More impressively, he organized his own UFO conference in Mississippi in 2011, bringing in John, Jim, and authors Linda Moulton Howe and Tom Carey as his speakers for "the first UFO conference ever held in the state." This was something of a surprise to me as I had spoken at a UFO conference in Gulfport Mississippi almost twenty-five years prior. 'The Great Gulf Coast UFO Gathering' was organized by my friend Charles Hickson and held in November 1990. At the time I had been researching the subject of my talk, "The Bentwaters Air Force Base UFO Cover-Up," for more than three years.

It was during Mr. Frasogna's conference that John and Jim invited him to work with them, an offer the attorney kindly and gladly accepted on a pro bono basis. It was also that year that Mr. Frasogna instituted the first of numerous FOIA requests, the specifics of which are noted in the chapter. He also began the legal battle to secure copies of his client's USAF medical records, a fight he is still waging to this day. It is infuriating to read about the hoops one is required to jump through in attempting to secure what is considered sensitive data from the government, and the roadblocks that are placed in the path of a good and decent attorney who is obviously doing his best to serve his clients' interests. It reminded me of my own frustration in the course of instituting ten or twelve FOIAs in the preparation of Larry's and my book. Nick ends the chapter by letting us know that "We do not intend to comment at length on the material presented in this chapter," certainly an appropriate decision to make at this point in any such inquiry.

"The Rendlesham Code" chapter arrives on page two-twenty-nine and is the second-to-last chapter in this three-hundred plus page book. Nick sets the mood thusly: "Over the years, as bits and pieces of the Rendlesham story came to light, Jim Penniston kept one staggering aspect of his encounter se-

cret. In chapter 1, we heard how out of all the witnesses who saw the UFO over three nights, he came the closest. Indeed, he touched it. The secret he kept to himself, for over thirty years, is that *when* he touched it something extraordinary happened. Essentially, Penniston claims that when he touched a particular symbol he received a sort of “telepathic download” of ones and zeros, which he now believes was a binary code message.” What then follows over the next two-and-a-half pages, in Penniston’s own words, is his memory of the event.

“The Rendlesham Code” includes interspersed commentary by Nick, a translation of the coded message, and an important excerpt from a hypnotic regression conducted on Jim. We’re told that the code was a “secret he kept to himself, for over thirty years,” then learn of a 1994 reference to it by Jim. John Burroughs is on record as saying that “As far as what I knew about the codes I did not see the codes in the notebook before OCT 2010. I did hear him say Binary before then it was in Linda (*Moulton Howe’s*) book and in his Hypnois.” Penniston’s public stance regarding the code and its source has remained insistent, consistent, and not open to questioning. But here, in his own words, we see the retired sergeant not only with his guard down, but in Nick’s telling words, “I think it’s abundantly clear from what follows that Penniston is still traumatized and confused by these events to this day.” Jim states that “the term “binary code” was unknown to me at the time (of the event) and I did not make the connection until 2010,” yet in his September 10, 1994 hypnotic regression, there is this exchange:

“Hypnotherapist: And by touching the symbols you disrupted the repair program?”

“Penniston: I activated a binary code. The two (government agent) men want to know why.”

Despite this outstanding contradiction, my best sense throughout is that Jim is doing his level-best to communicate how overwhelmed he was by the mind-blowing events of that night, by the “download,” and by the insecurities, nightmares and feeling he was on the “verge of madness” after the fact. Reading parts of his account flashed me back about twenty-five years to my first reading of Larry Warren’s original handwritten draft about the third night incident in Capel Green, and of the night that followed, and that is the highest writing-related compliment I can pay to Jim Penniston. I was glad to learn that once he had finally written all of the ones and zeros into his small loose leaf, “Thoughts of what had tormented me from shortly after the incident and seemed to run unabated were actually gone. I was free, and more importantly, I was relieved.”

But he was hardly out of the woods. By his own count Penniston was subjected “to at least fourteen debriefings and two by non-Air Force personnel,” yet he never once mentioned the notebook or its contents to any of his interrogators, this he says because he was never asked about it. Nick Pope observes that, “This seems disingenuous to say the least, because when one is asked to give a full account of an event the omission of a germane is nearly as bad as a lie. It seems to me that either the memory had been suppressed or he chose not to raise it, for fear of losing his PRP certification or even being discharged.” It was a sleep-related problem almost certainly a residual effect of the incident that originally led Penniston to see a hypnotherapist. The author poses some necessary questions regarding possible confabulation or brain damage as the cause of Jim’s belief that “They are time travelers. They are us,” “when,” in Nick’s words, “one would expect him to come up with a story about extraterrestrials, not time travelers.”

Penniston tells selected people about the code, including journalist, author and filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe, several computer experts, Gary Osborne, an esoteric author and scholar with a specialty in ancient Egypt, and Kim Sheerin, co-producer of the History Channel's "Ancient Aliens" show. Jim and John were involved in filming with Linda at the time of the December 2010 Rendlesham conference in Woodbridge Suffolk.



*Jim Penniston at the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge the night of 28 December 2010
Photo: P. Robbins*

What follows is the Binary Code translation offered by Jim, based on the work of the various experts that he and John consulted. It consists of brief snatches of text, together with numbers, interpreted as latitudes and longitudes, the locations of which are given in brackets. As best as I understand it, the sixteen pages of ones and zeros are now in the form of a translation from the code which emerge as follows: EXPLORATION OF HUMANITY, followed by coordinates for the location of "a mythological lost land said to be off the coast of Ireland" called Hy Brasil. This is followed by CONTINUOUS FOR PLANETARY ADVAN???, then FOURTH COODINATE CONTINUOT UQS CbPR BEFORE. They in turn are followed by the longitude and latitude coordinates for Caraol, Belize; Sedona, Arizona (where John Burroughs lives); the Great Pyramid in Giza; the Nazca Lines in Peru; Tai Shan Qu, China; Portal at Temple of Apollo in Naxos Greece; EYES OF YOUR EYES, ORIGIN; then the coordinates for Hy Brasil again, and finally ORIGIN YEAR 8100.

Among proponents of the time traveler theory there is an understandable hope that the interrelationship between these esoteric, mystical, historic and highly-charged locations can somehow be combined with the worded parts of the message, then interpreted, read, and ultimately understood to offer us incontrovertible proof that time travel is real and that time travelers from our future were behind the events of December 1980 – this to the best of my understanding. As Pope notes, "It is a bi-

zarre mixture, ... At times Penniston seems certain about things, but elsewhere it's clear that he's plagued by anxiety and self-doubt." A representative sampling from these pages underscores this: "As I have always said from the beginning of my exposure and witnessing of the incident, it was clear that I could with 100 percent certainty tell you what the craft was not. The hard part is this: what exactly was it?" "How could I go home and 24 hours later write those ones and zeros down from memory? How, why, and a thousand more questions I have. Under hypnosis, I reveal that they are time travelers from the future." "How can it be that the physical evidence (*what physical evidence?*) seems to back up the hypnosis? It is all good food for thought, I guess." "During my investigation and in the course of my research with the time traveler evidence ... the answer to the question is that there are no definitive answers at this point in time." "If we knew how powerful we really are, how powerful we really could be, then we would cause chaos around us, and this could never be permitted. We could rearrange the reality around us in the way that we wanted to, in the way that – if this is real – the future humans had learned how to do, which gives them access to these sorts of incredible abilities, such as time traveling." "You must decide is this as Jim Penniston believes, that it is time travelers from our future came back in time to 1980, or is it something totally different than that? It is for you to decide."

Following Jim's statement, Nick makes the book's most memorable understatement: "It is extremely difficult to evaluate the material in this chapter." But whatever your reaction to or thoughts about Penniston's remarks, even if disbelief or mocking, Nick is correct in that this witness, who at times throughout and since his ordeal has been in a state that none of us can even begin to imagine, "deserves better than this." Here again the author repeats possible explanatory factors for the reader to consider. "Is Penniston telling the truth?" Is he confabulating, i.e.: "telling the truth as they perceive it but where events did not take place as described." Is it a possible symptom of a brain injury, consequence of all he was put through during his many debriefings? Somehow the result of a hypnotic regression?"

It's Jim's feeling that "Any inconsistencies in my account can easily be attributed to the meddling of the inept debriefing and the drug-induced attempted extraction of information by U.S. agents at the AFOSI building, or quite possibly the phenomenon itself. The other factor is simply my state of mind at the time of the incident." Fair enough.

"What is the message itself?" asks Nick. Had he still been working for the Ministry of Defence he might have secured the assistance of cryptographic experts there, but the option is no longer open to him. Is it a binary code at all, or instead "an anthropocentric one?" That word sent me to my dictionary where I learned it meant "regarding man as the central fact, or final aim of the universe." Okay.. For Pope, the code "seems simultaneously profound and banal. Exploration of humanity. Continuous for planetary advance, not unlike the contents of so many channeled messages reported in New Age circles or among UFO contactees. That the locations identified in the code "read like a New Age holiday wish list," (I liked that one) but "Again, is this proof that the message is genuine or confabulated? Have the experts somehow shoehorned the data into something that fits their own belief systems? Is it just wishful thinking? Or is the message more subtle? Is there a more complex message hidden deeper inside the obvious one? I have no answers here, which is why we provide the raw data in Appendix B. Maybe other experts will come up with an alternate translation."

Is Nick Pope really as much in the dark about all this as his writing seems to suggest? It struck me as extremely odd, especially given his professional background, that when he asks if it is “genuine or confabulated,” he conveniently leaves out a third and equally viable option: was it genuine, confabulated, or was it an intelligence operation with Jim as its subject? And I hope no one will suggest that Nick ignored this possibility as a way of not offending Jim. When you undertake such a serious investigation there is no place for such sentiment. One examines *all* of the viable options with equal objectivity and attention, not just the ones you are comfortable examining or acceptable to those you are working with. In fact it is Penniston and Burroughs who are convinced that Larry Warren was programmed to believe the Capel Green event was real when in their opinion it never actually occurred, so why ignore the possibility that it could actually have been Jim instead who was the victim of such an intelligence deception? For me, this kind of selective, limiting decision-making is deceitful by omission and only serves to undercut the reader’s appreciation for *all* of the viable options, not just some of them.

Jim: “A question running through my thoughts is this: why did I decide for this binary message to be made public? After all, it could be conceived as a private message, for only me to know. But then I ask why would it be me? I am only one of many, so I think that the only answer that I can give is the most honest and simple. So my thinking is that it is for all mankind and not just one man. After all, if they are really from the future, then this is a message for all of us, for us in the future, giving me this conclusion for myself about the binary: what if the whole point to the contact in December 1980 was for us to publish this binary message at this point in time? It is my thought, but if they are from the future the great part of that thought is that someone in the future will know if it is true or not. Is there more to come? Yes, I believe there is much more to come!”

With respect to the authors, by this point in the book I was ready to blow my top. In all the years I’ve known Nick Pope I have never seen him struggle so hard to come up with something, *anything*, to explain a given that is clearly unexplainable. He’s a talented writer but here has clearly met his match. *Nothing* he is able to offer us comes close to answering *any* of our questions, or for that matter, his. Nowhere in this book is there anything even approaching *actual proof* of time travelers as the cause of the RFI. We do however have abundant proof that Jim Penniston believes they are, these being two quite entirely different things.

During his years of service to the Ministry of Defence, Nick Pope was trained not only to be an effective communicator, but highly likely, how best to reveal or share information while concealing other, perhaps more sensitive data at the same time, a necessary skill for any civil servant working in the kind of sensitive government positions that he did. But all I could see here was a man dancing across the pages as fast as he could with no end or answer in sight. Faced with such an impenetrable wall of theories, speculation and vapor, may I, with respect, put forward a possible explanation for the code enigma I briefly referred to earlier, but one that is never mentioned, offered, considered, or seemingly imagined in this book?

It’s important that I impart a brief back-story first. On April 7, 2013 John Burroughs posted a statement that led me and others to understand that he and Jim would have a coauthor on their book: “We already had somebody offer to write it for us today how hard was that.” Knowing they might well approach Nick in this regard – an ideal choice in my mind for such a collaboration, I phoned him at

home a month or so prior to learning he would indeed by the lead author of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*. The overriding concern I expressed to him in that call was my deep concern that the origin of the binary code lay not with time travelers, but with American military-intelligence, and that his lending his support to the supposition that time travelers were the cause of the RFI would only come to serve the interests of those who were intent on mocking the events of December 1980, and in the process drawing attention away from the far less sensationalistic scientific findings that backed up the authenticity of this seminally important UFO incident. I would have expressed the same thoughts to any colleague I thought might be so-approached by Jim and John, but Nick was not only a friend, he was someone I had considered a good friend since the summer of 1997 when he invited me and Larry Warren to be his house guests in London just prior to and following our multi-city UK speaking tour. Nick heard me out without comment, then thanked me, then changed the subject of our conversation. I felt this complete lack of any inquiry or comment a bit strange at the time and more than a little awkward, but just chalked it up to his thinking about what I had said with the possibility of some thoughts on the matter to follow at a later time. None however were ever forthcoming.

We now know that privately at least, Jim Penniston had been plagued by doubt and confusion about what had happened to him in the forest and the repercussions of what he was repeatedly put through in the weeks and months thereafter. But since the night he first went public about the binary code, he has remained dead-on consistent with regard to his views on the code, steadfastly maintaining it was not a theory, feeling, finding, thesis, or some philosophical construct he came up with. He simply 'knew' that the time traveler explanation was 'the' empirical, factual answer to the question, and that those of us who had suggested otherwise were simply wrong. This was and remains my greatest concern about Jim's stance on the code: his rigid, not-open-to-question insistence about its source. While secular and not theological in nature, it does make him something of a fundamentalist by definition. Isn't there a stronger likelihood the source of Jim Penniston's simultaneous confusion, doubt and certainty is very much within our own time frame and of decidedly earthly origin?

In the years leading up to the Rendlesham Forest incident there was already more than enough cause for concern among certain members of the military-intelligence establishment centered on the challenge of containing a situation in which military personnel might find themselves confronting a genuine CE3 (Close Encounter level) or CE4. The risks associated with a security breach in such a beyond-top-secret situation would certainly have been too great to leave to chance, and the likelihood is that, over the years, a number of workable contingency plans would have been formulated, possibly tested, and filed, ready for possible deployment should the need arise. One scenario that is entirely plausible to me would have involved the employing of methods and techniques necessary to identify a best candidate eyewitness/experiencer to be targeted for such a disinformation op in such a containment priority, and as soon as possible after the fact. The objective would then have been to convince the individual they had been selected or 'chosen' if you will, by the protagonists, in this case time travelers from our future, as the recipient of a message for humanity. With some assistance and luck, that person might have the potential to become a known commodity in the world of UFO studies, or even more desirable, transition into the broader popular culture. The specific message from the alleged time travelers would be calculated to draw attention away from the deadly seriousness of such an event, and from any possible whistle-blower reckless or courageous enough to jeop-

ardize such a security containment by getting actual, verifiable, scientific evidence into responsible public or media hands.

A separate benefit to those in charge of such a disinformation program (for that is just what I think the binary code allegations are) would be to toss the legitimate UFO research community a bone with enough controversy and intrigue attached to send its members off chasing their collective tail for some years to come. One can argue that this was just what happened when the MJ-12 controversy was set into motion during the summer of 1987. However we are talking about playing God with a human life here, and in the form of a person who, in their own mind, has come forward in good faith to share a message they feel is of tremendous potential importance with the rest of us. And if this be the case, it is something none of us should mock or be having any fun at the expense of.

A wild premise? Of course it is, but not when compared with its alternative. Let's take a moment to reflect on Jim Penniston here. At the time of the events in question, an earnest, patriotic, twenty-something, go-by-the-regs United States Air Force Sergeant and a proud member of his base's Law Enforcement Police. Jim went on to serve in Operation Desert Storm, provide security for heads of state and general officers, be selected to write counterterrorism, security, defense, and contingency plans for the Air Force as well as some of America's closest allies, and even to acquire a NATO Top Secret security clearance. We are not talking about some uninformed oddball or mystic here, anything but.

Now, consider the likelihood that this man, rather than having been chosen by visiting time travelers, was instead the mark, target, victim, subject, of a highly sophisticated, long-term intelligence operation calculated to make him think, feel and *believe* that he had been contacted by time travelers for reasons, shall we say already in evidence. In stating this I am very much aware and concerned about the effect such speculation may have on Jim himself. It may or may not be the first time he fully considers the possibility that he, and not Larry Warren, was the victim of a psychological operation perpetrated on him by the government he had sworn to protect and serve. If this proves to be the case I hope those closest to him, the people who care about him the most, will remember that this could be one of the most challenging times in his life. I can only add that with regard to Jim Penniston, I told him the night of the day we met that all I wanted was to be his friend, this just before we walked out of the green room of the Woodbridge Community Centre, arms around each other, on the night of December 28, 2010. I know that Jim remembers.

We seem to have arrived at a moment in our collective cultural, intellectual, and popular history where an extraterrestrial explanation for events such as the one that occurred in the Rendlesham Forest, correct or not, is among the more conservative of the options open to us. On the other hand the far more exotic science-fiction staple of time travelers is the equivalent of a ticking time bomb of ridicule, and if successful, could cause the serious, documented scientific facts associated with the Rendlesham incident to be taken less seriously, even relegated to the equivalent of a dusty footnote to the sensationalism. If this comes to pass then those who set such a plan into action will finally have succeeded in their objective.

I wish I could say this was my only binary code-related concern but it is not. If, again, there is no de-

finitive resolution to the meaning of the message carried within the code, something which I feel will prove to be the case, than even in the absence of such a scenario as noted above, there will remain a committed core of individuals who will continue to believe in the code's authenticity, and in the sincerity and intent of the person who introduced it to the world. For them, the answers to the enigma that at present remains just out of reach, may prove to galvanize them into a corps of true believers, now on a quest together for the meaning of the message given to the one they respect and admire by the time travelers. Others who are looking for answers in their lives may learn of this quest or movement and join them, likely drawn from the ranks of New Agers, wide-eyed star children, dedicated mystics, and other innocent seekers of the truth. This kind of movement desires nothing by way of scientific explanation. It seeks something that exists on a higher plane, transcendence in the form of a key to it all, an actual message – from ourselves, sent back by them/us from the future! Who knows? Such a message might well contain the solutions to the world's current problems and crises. It might even have the potential to unite us all with who we are destined to become. Why would they – we – have returned to our time if not to offer us assistance, support and peace, and at a time when we need it most? There is a name for the kind of group I describe. It's called a cult.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "cult" as "a group considered obsessive in their beliefs." The Oxford Dictionary, "A misplaced or excessive admiration for a particular person or thing," and the Cambridge Dictionary as "a system of religious belief, one not recognized as an established religion, or the people who worship according to such a belief." There have been UFO related cults before. I think at least one of these definitions applies to the UFO contactee movement of the late Fifties and early Sixties. Certainly the 'Realians' fit into this category, being a well-organized UFO movement which first emerged in the mid-Seventies led by a former Canadian journalist named Claude Vorilhon "Rael." Their mission on earth was and remains, "to bring the most important revelation in the history of mankind" to wider recognition. For some, the followers of Swiss UFO contactee Billy Meier may also constitute a cult. Heaven's Gate was a cult led by a much more sinister 'prophet,' one who was ultimately able to convince his followers to join him in 'dropping their bodies' in preparation for their boarding the mother ship that they believed to be traveling in the tail of Comet Kohoutek. On March 26 1997 the bodies of all thirty-nine of their members were discovered in the communal home they shared in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Please understand that in *no* way do I mean to suggest or infer that a possible cult organized around a collective longing for access to the knowledge trapped in the binary code would manifest itself in a hostile or destructive manner, but from what I observe there is already a small core of devoted followers who admire Jim as someone with the courage, forbearance and character to continue to lead this still-fledgling quest for the code's ultimate translation. For me, the revelation, for lack of a more descriptive word, of Jim's message is already fused with something akin to a religious sensibility: "But then I ask why would it be me? I am only one of many, so I think that the only answer that I can give is the most honest and simple. So my thinking is that it is for all mankind and not just one man. After all, if they are really from the future, then this is a message for all of us, for us in the future." The most sobering, concluding thought I can offer is that if such a cult were to form around the code and its leading proponent, it would not be led by time travelers, or by Jim Penniston, a man already overwhelmed by all he has been put through. It would be led, overseen, and invisibly managed by a small, nameless group of individuals working out of an office in Maryland, Virginia,

Washington, or some other undisclosed location God knows where. Such a possibility is not out of the question and should not be ignored. I know it is of real concern to me.

“Final Thoughts From John Burroughs and Jim Penniston” is the nineteenth and final chapter of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* and is introduced by Nick thusly: “In this next chapter, I make no comment at all. Burroughs and Penniston wanted it this way, so that their material would stand alone. They, after all, were the ones who experienced this and had to live with what happened next.” Jim’s voice is heard first and he discusses a number of subjects including the wide variety of medical problems he has had to deal with post-RFI, the great majority I am certain being incident-related. He reflects on the many debriefings he was subjected to and why the service branch he devoted so many years of his life to would let the things that happened to him happen. We learn about his and John’s meeting with former Base Wing Commander, General (ret.) Gordon Williams, and of the pride their former CO seems to take in the pair’s continuing search for the truth. Jim makes a passing mention of the binary code but adds nothing to what we already know, or more correctly, don’t know.

John takes over about half way through and dates the beginning of his and Jim’s information quest to the spring of 2009. He also talks, among other things, about their meeting with Williams and being stonewalled by the Veteran’s Administration as they attempt to secure their medical records. John is understandably angry at the government agency’s holding up medical treatment and on the serious medical issues he continues to face, the worst of which are his ongoing coronary problems, again, almost certainly incident-related. He reports being in contact with his senators on the pair’s efforts to secure their Air Force medical records, and of the impenetrable secrecy which still surrounds the source of all they’ve been through. The final paragraph is collaborative and warrants being repeated in full:

“In closing, it’s our belief that the Rendlesham Forest incident is a bigger and more significant case than Roswell, and been “bedeviled by misinformation, disinformation, and people wanting to write themselves into the story. It has been our intention, in this book, to place in the public domain everything we know about the extraordinary series of events that took place at Bentwaters and Woodbridge, both during the encounters and in the aftermath. While there have been previous books on the subject, they have been written by people in the UFO community. Now the military personnel at the heart of this incident will finally have their say. We intend to set the record straight and tell the full story of these extraordinary events for the first time. We do so in order to reveal the truth about events that we believe are of immense historical significance and public interest. We also do so for the men and women stationed at Bentwaters and Woodbridge at the time, many of whom have suffered as a result of what happened. It is our hope that the publication of this book will lead to the wrongs they have suffered being righted. We had hoped to show why Nick Pope had made the statement “I’ve gone on record saying Rendlesham might be the turning point in history that leads to the explanation of the UFO phenomenon.” As far as we see it, is there more to be told? Absolutely! This book describes the events from A to Z on the historical aspects of the Rendlesham Forest incident. It goes into further detail about some of the supporting information. It does cover the binary code release and some thoughts on what we, the witnesses, think. It is the most accurate and factual book written to date. But the real questions for the readers to ask are: Is this really the story of the witnesses and has everything from the witnesses been addressed? Is there more to come? Yes, there is more to come.”

As I read this chapter, I felt the return of an old, familiar feeling, one I first encountered in association with the Rendlesham incident sometime during the second half of 1988. It was pure, unadulterated anger, the specific source of which was rooted in my growing realization of how truly awful Larry Warren had been treated by the service branch he'd sworn to serve. As Larry and I continued to work together over the years, I read and studied everything relevant I could get my hands on. At the same time our shared obsession repeatedly drove us back to Suffolk where we continued our research, interviews, and visits to relevant locations. My anger grew to encompass a deeper appreciation for the RFI's impact on the lives of others who had been involved. It was this and not my interest in UFOs per se, that became the driving force that compelled me, (obsessively at times, ..), to work this case, week after week, month after month and year after year for almost a decade, this in an effort to answer Larry's and my own questions about Rendlesham, and to complete the book in as professional a manner as possible. And for several pages of this final chapter I could not help thinking about Larry's story, and reflected in my mind's eye, the stories that lay with Jim and John, Ed Cabansac, Adrian Bustinza, Bobby Ball, Bruce Englund, Bonnie Tamplin, Ray Gulyas, Steve LaPlume, Steve Longero, Greg Battram, and so many others, the great majority of whom I would never meet, not forgetting the story of a young airman who roomed for a while with my friend at RAF Bentwaters and went by the nickname of his home state, and then was no more.

But to the final paragraph of the chapter. Bigger and more significant than Roswell? In some ways yes, but like the Rendlesham witnesses, I have a bias here. Then again, I've studied a great deal of the available case evidence on the Roswell incident and have been fortunate to become friends with some of the leading researchers and authors in its investigation and learned more through them and their books. I'm also extremely proud to have worked for the great City of Roswell New Mexico, and during the years I did, was able to visit significant locations and learn even more about the events of July 1947. Roswell was really *the* UFO event that truly put the subject on the map and set in motion the so-called Modern Age of UFOs. But in uniquely important respects Rendlesham is its true inheritor, and the biggest and best-documented UFO event we have to work with now.

Rendlesham has been "bedeviled by misinformation, disinformation, and people wanting to write themselves into the story." Here, obviously referring to Larry Warren, the authors again display their lack of knowledge concerning the many documented facts supporting Warren's involvement. Here the only revelation is that neither Penniston nor Burroughs is able to resist getting in just one last dig at someone they feel endeavored to "write themselves into the story," this when Larry Warren should only have their respect, admiration and goodwill.

"It has been our intention, in this book to place in the public domain everything we know about the extraordinary series of events that took place at Bentwaters and Woodbridge, both during the encounters and in the aftermath." No, it wasn't, or they would have done so. "Everything we know" was decidedly *not* included. Yes, some of what they share with us is of real value, but relatively little of it constitutes anything approaching new information.

"While there have been previous books on the subject, they have been written by people in the UFO community. Now the military personnel at the heart of this incident will finally have their say." No, this is the *second* book on the incident to be co-written by an authentic military eyewitness.

The first was a former Air Force Security Police specialist stationed at RAF Bentwaters with Penniston and Burroughs named Larry Warren. I remain an investigative writer specializing in the subject of UFOs and most certainly qualify as a member of the “UFO community” referred to. Larry Warren however is no more one of the “people in the UFO community” than John and Jim are, though he does have many friends and supporters there. Are John and Jim the “the military personnel at the heart of this incident?” No, they are not. They were the military personnel at the heart of the first night’s UFO incident, two more nights of which were to come.

“We intend to set the record straight and tell the full story of these extraordinary events for the first time.” Whatever Penniston and Burroughs’ had intended, this book does not set the record straight. Neither is it “the full story,” nor is it told here for the first time.

“We do so in order to reveal the truth about events that we believe are of immense historical significance and public interest. We also do so for the men and women stationed at Bentwaters and Woodbridge at the time, many of whom have suffered as a result of what happened. It is our hope that the publication of this book will lead to the wrongs they have suffered being righted. We had hoped to show why Nick Pope had made the statement “I’ve gone on record saying Rendlesham might be the turning point in history that leads to the explanation of the UFO phenomenon.” Noble sentiments. Larry and I had prioritized identical hopes in dedicating our time and energy to the writing of our book, and John and Jim’s hope is our hope as well.

“As far as we see it, is there more to be told? Absolutely! This book describes the events from A to Z on the historical aspects of the Rendlesham Forest incident. It goes into further detail about some of the supporting information. It does cover the binary code release and some thoughts on what we, the witnesses, think. It is the most accurate and factual book written to date.” Readers were told “there is more to come several pages prior so point made. As for their book’s describing the events “from A to Z” (which I believe was part of an earlier possible subtitle), saying something is so does not make it so, and if John and Jim truly believe their “A to Z” statement, then the alphabet they’ve been working with is missing more than a few of its letters. Their book “covers” the binary code if that means they have talked about it, reproduced the sixteen binary pages of hand-written ones and zeros from Jim’s notebook, and shared some of their thoughts regarding it. Otherwise we are never provided with anything resembling proof that “time travelers from the future” were the intelligences behind the RFI. All we get is speculation, confusion, and frustration.

Encounter In Rendlesham Forest is “the most accurate and factual book written to date.” Again, saying something is so does not make it so, and their book is not the most accurate and factual book on the subject written to date.

“But the real questions for the readers to ask are: Is this really the story of the witnesses and has everything from the witnesses been addressed? Is there more to come? Yes, there is more to come.” Right. “Is this really the story of the witnesses?” Trick question. Some of it is, some of it isn’t. Has “everything from the witnesses been addressed?” No, it has not. And yes, we now know all too well there is more to come.

“Conclusions” follow “Final Thoughts” and the wrap-up begins: “This then, is the story of the Rend-

lesham Forest incident. It has been the story not just of the world's best-documented and most compelling UFO encounter but also of the effect these events had on the two military men at the heart of the incident. Once again, this is *not* the story of the Rendlesham Forest incident. It is a *part* of the story of the Rendlesham Forest incident. Neither is it the story "of the effect these events had on the two military men at the heart of the incident." It is a *version* of the story of two military men at the heart of the first night of three night's of UFO-related events. "Bigger than Roswell?" Different than Roswell certainly, but comparing these incidents is something I will leave to others.

This is followed by Nick Pope's list of what we have learned from our reading of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*:

1. A UFO landed next to one of the most sensitive installations in the NATO alliance.
2. A UFO was seen over three nights by dozens of military personnel.
3. A beam from one of the UFOs was shined down to the ground next to the Deputy Base Commander and the personnel who were with him.
4. Beams were also shined down onto the base, including the Bentwaters Weapons Storage area.
5. The UFO was tracked on radar.
6. Physical trace evidence was found at the first night's landing site.
7. A highly classified UK study revealed that a number of personnel were exposed to radiation.
8. The US government refused to acknowledge the event ever happened.
9. The US government claimed it has not investigated UFOs since 1969.
10. An Air Force general removed UFO related evidence without informing the UK government.
11. A former Chief of Defence Staff was convinced that the UK had covered up the incident.
12. Important document files relating to the events were lost or destroyed under suspicious circumstances.
13. John and Jim's USAF medical files remain classified despite efforts to secure them.
14. Both the American and British Government continue to deny and ridicule the subject in public while taking it very seriously in private.

The fact that the Air Force has claimed it has not investigated UFOs since 1969 is common knowl-

edge, and with the exception of the classified Ministry study and the Air Force general who removed information without permission of the MoD, everything above was published seventeen years ago in *Left At East Gate*, minus of course the fact that Jim and John's attorney is going after their medical records.

Nick then talks about why such secrets are kept from the public, reminds us of his coauthors' continuing efforts to bring more attention to the incident, and then adds, "that Penniston and Burroughs are campaigning not just for themselves but for everyone involved." The author closes by letting us know that the "prediction," "there is more to come," has already come true," this in the form of the testimony offered by the three at last spring's Citizen Hearing on Disclosure held at the National Press Club. We learn their testimony was well-received by the distinguished panelists, some of who are lending a hand in the pair's efforts to secure their records. An appendix follows and contains a copy of Colonel Halt's January 1981 memo, reproductions of the sixteen pages of ones and zeros Jim copied into his loose leaf notebook, three relevant MoD documents, and a transcription of Colonel Halt's tape recording, and that's it. Only two drawings appear in the book, one of the craft, the other of the symbols on the craft, and no photographs are included.

There is a final, seemingly minor detail I found surprising in that, had I been the author, I would not have wanted to shine a spotlight on or present it as some sort of asset. For some reason the authors made the decision to have this statement appear as the top liner-note on the rear of their book jacket: "This is the only UFO book ever to have requested security clearance from both the American and British governments." On the surface this has a most impressive ring to it, the term "security clearance" carrying the gravitas that it does. It suggests that this book is worthy of special attention and respect, at least this may prove to be the case in the minds of some readers. What this really tells us though is that *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* is the only UFO book whose manuscript was subjected to the official scrutiny of, and fully vetted and redacted where necessary by official readers employed by both the governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, this to insure that *any* potentially embarrassing, sensitive or classified information it included never made its way into print. You may feel otherwise, but I would much rather read a UFO book that had *not* been subjected to this procedure, and by two different governments at that.

To the question, would I recommend *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* to friends, readers, colleagues, or a member of the general public? Yes, if you want to read for yourself the newest book on an extremely important UFO event. Yes if you know or have a particular interest in any of the principles. You should read it if you want to read the parts of the book that I liked, or to read the witnesses' first night accounts, even if much of it is told in the second person. Buy this book if you want to see if my characterizations of it are accurate, or if you want to see the binary code-related material for yourself. Read it if you've been following the Rendlesham case and the ongoing controversy accompanying it and want the fullest picture possible to compare and contrast with your other incident-related reading. Or, read it to appreciate the specific statements and passages that are the very dictionary definition of the word "disinformation."

Otherwise, no, I would not recommend this book, and if you were me, I don't think you would either. Would you recommend a book that had repeatedly co-opted your and your coauthor's personal

experiences, original research and intellectual property without once acknowledging you as the source? Would you recommend a book that, on the occasions it *did* credit the original information taken from your book, always credited it to an incorrect source? Would you refer a reader to a book that had attempted to write your highly-praised book on the same subject *out* of the story it had so much to do with bringing to a wider audience as an accredited bestseller? Would you suggest to anyone they read a book where everything the author had taken from your own book was presented with what you could only interpret as intent to deceive readers, and in the process, defame or otherwise cast doubt on the documented findings established by you and your coauthor? Me neither. If you asked me though, I would recommend that you consider reading a related book entitled *Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community*, or a book titled *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, It's Cover-Up, and Investigation.*”

Analysis of the Investigation

“Why did Larry Warren know the 'wrong' dates to tell when, in principle, he would not have seen Lt. Col. Halt's memo until it was obtained via FOIA, over the personal objection of Col. Halt? Was he briefed, (or chemically debriefed) to present a version of the story with little green men in flying saucers along with inaccurate dates as part of a much more sophisticated preemptive disinformation plan? Or is it just the case that all Larry Warren knows came from the Halt Memo in the first place?”

John Burroughs, April 29, 2014

“I have no agenda in writing this book, except for trying to help John (Burroughs) and Jim (Penniston) unlock their medical records, which they have faced trouble obtaining.”

Nick Pope, as quoted in the May 18 2014 edition of the Ipswich Star, a Suffolk East Anglia newspaper

John Burroughs timing could be better. Even at this late date its clear how unaware he is of the extraordinary amount and variety of well-documented evidence that more than confirms the depth and seriousness of my coauthor's involvement on the third night. While Burroughs' “little green men in flying saucers” insult only serves to underscore his taste for condescension, I appreciate his sharing his knowledge of the “preemptive disinformation plan” that my unknowing, Manchurian Candidate coauthor had been the longtime victim of, a plan so secret that John's coauthor Nick Pope was either completely unaware of it or for some reason decided to withhold from their book. The problem with John Burroughs' thesis is that twenty six-years ago and a full four or five months prior to Larry's and my first research visit to Suffolk and the Rendlesham Forest, Larry identified the *precise* location of his incident for me with an ‘X’ on a Suffolk East Anglia surveyor's map. More, that a month or two later, I watched as he made a drawing of the incident area for me, again identifying the very same location.



Capel Green, June 1990, still showing the effects of the December 1980 incident nine-and-a-half-years after the fact.

This of course is proof of nothing. Unless you know that several years later, the soil samples I took from this exact spot, soon to be known as the ‘affected area’ or ‘landing site,’ were compared to random ‘control’ samples collected from other parts of the field known as Capel Green where the event he was involved in occurred. The professional analysis conducted on them confirmed beyond any doubt that something truly anomalous had taken place at that exact spot. A scientist named Matthew Moniz, then employed by Springborn Laboratories in Wareham, Massachusetts in their Environmental Sciences Division, conducted the tests utilizing almost twenty pounds of soil I had collected as he’d instructed, then carried back to the States in sealed, labeled, laboratory-supplied containers in my suitcase, all of which were fully declared at JFK Airport Customs on arrival, that being a story in itself. What did the results of these tests reveal?

1. That the affected samples contained in excess of four times the amount of tiny metallic particles naturally occurring in soil found in this area. When I asked Moniz what this indicated to him, he told me he could only conclude that *whatever* had sat on the precise ground Larry had identified had to have exerted a tremendous electromagnetic effect on the soil just below it.
2. Seed germination tests undertaken in control samples produced normal plants from seeds in expected periods of time. However identical tests conducted with affected soil samples produced only *mutations* of the plants, all of which took longer to mature than their healthy counterparts. Note: These test were conducted some dozen years after the event had occurred.
- 3, “Percent Moisture Factors of the three soil samples were taken. The two control samples close in their percentages, whereas the noted landing site soil desiccated very rapidly and had a lower field moisture capacity than the controls.”
4. “Following Percent Moisture, rehydration was attempted. The two control samples rehydrated quite easily, whereas the landing site sample required a great deal of manipulation to achieve homogeneity. The water tended to bead up and roll off the sample.”
5. “Close examination under a microscope revealed no noticeable differences between the control samples, whereas the landing site sample was visibly different.”
6. “The landing site sample had a higher content of silica that is indicative of exposure to high temperature or energy.” In layman’s terms, the sand that is naturally found in soil in this area had been reduced to silica – an interim form of glass.

I went off on a digression here as I took John’s claim to be something of a challenge. On the exact site that Warren ‘claimed’ to be the location of the anomalous event he’d participated in, the soil had been subjected to an intriguing variety of dramatic physiological changes when compared to unaffected soil collected from the same field. No matter though. In the words of my good friend and close colleague Stanton T. Friedman: “Don’t bother me with the facts. My mind is already made up.” What it comes down to is this: “preemptive disinformation plans,” even particularly good preemptive disinformation plans, do not melt sand.

Like many others who had been following developments in the Rendlesham case, I had been reading about Penniston and Burroughs' plans and promises for their book for more than a year before its publication, and they were promising a lot. John: "You will see after it is made just how serious we are about getting Justice for those involved in this incident. For soon it will be judgement day for many who were involved in this incident! For we feel it's time that more than lip service is done about this incident. We were handed a stage or platform according to some and we clearly saw from the beginning that stage needed to be rebuilt. It was clear real witnesses who were trained investigator needed to take charge of this investigation. And now after years of hard work it's time for it to be spelled out from A to Z!"

Where was the "getting Justice for those involved in this incident?" What "stage or platform" had been rebuilt here, and into what? As near as I could see the one definitive action the pair could have actually taken to assist in getting justice for the others involved had been shelved more than a year ago. In a statement released last April, Burroughs and Penniston informed us they would be making a major announcement during that month's Citizen Hearing on Disclosure held at the National Press Club in Washington. They testified on the Rendlesham Forest incident the day before I did and the major announcement was that their attorney was attempting to secure their USAF medical records. Most appropriate in an investigation of this sort, but why hadn't they asked their attorney to file a class action rather than individual actions and also gone after the medical records of the other Rendlesham veterans who might want copies of their records as well? In a telling decision, the name of their Facebook page was changed from "Justice for the Bentwaters 81st Security Police at Rendlesham Forest 1980" to "The Rendlesham Forest Incident First Responders Page of 1980" shortly after the hearings.

Jim: "We have a number of contributors which will lay out much of the particulars with it, along with our never told accounting and supporting evidence. ... Our personnel investigation has far reaching effects, and we are accomplishing this, but some things are on-going as we speak. Our efforts will benefit all involved." Where are the number of contributors promised? Absent it seems, save only for a chapter written by their dedicated attorney Pat Frasogna. What are or will be the book's "far reaching effects?" What are or will be the "benefits to all involved." None I could discern after reading *Incident In Rendlesham Forest*.

John: "We will look at the human side to include why people turned to drugs and alcohol after the incident And if they were involved with drugs and alcohol before. We will also look at the people careers before and after the incident and how one person even claimed they thought about taking there life the human side. We also will brake down the main skeptics lives and how little they know about the military even a Major who was the Air Force. And just how misleading they have been and take a close look at there personalities. We will also take a close look at all the researchers that looked into the case to include one (*me*) who was completely fooled and has down nothing about it. I was there when they were given evidence telling them about the inconsistencies about what they had been told and written and yet they have done nothing to try and set the record straight but continue to push there book as being factual." What happened to the promised look at the human side and those who turned to drugs and alcohol? Where is the "close look at all the researchers," and what happened to the close look at the "one who was completely fooled and has down nothing about it?"

The original plans for this book even called for a chapter devoted to my coauthor, something John made clear on April 23, 2012: “This will be the title of the Larry Warren chapter. “I’m not upset that you lied to me, I’m upset that from now on I can’t believe you” - Friedrich Nietzsche,” which is a misquotation of this quotation.

I can only assume it was Nick Pope’s influence with an eye toward a kinder, gentler treatment of those who had incurred the pair’s wrath: “For soon it will be judgement day for many who were involved in this incident!” But the promises that were made by Burroughs and Penniston have not come to pass, and the most awaited one of all, actual proof that the intelligences behind the Rendlesham incident were time travelers, is also nowhere to be found. This is something Jim Penniston had been promising since the night of December 28, 2010 when he first made this revelation public before an audience of nearly four hundred in Woodbridge Suffolk, not far from the sites of the 1980 incident. With all due respect for Jim Penniston, it’s my sincere belief that despite his sincere belief, the reason *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* was unable to deliver such evidence is not because more work is needed to interpret the message carried in the binary code, it’s because evidence that time travelers were responsible for the Rendlesham Forest incident simply does not exist.

John and Jim’s incessant criticism, undermining, and demeaning of my coauthor’s character and believability, and directly or by extension, my professional ethics and abilities as an investigative writer, were already tiresome and frustrating three years ago, but to exemplify, this is about the kindest thing the pair have ever posted online about Larry Warren, passive-aggressive though it may be:

“We are often asked about Larry Warren’s various statements and claims about the Rendlesham Forest incident. Despite some earlier doubts, it does seem clear that Warren was posted to Bentwaters/Woodbridge at the time of Colonel Halt’s incident. Additionally, there is no doubt that he was one of the first whistle-blowers, who played a key part in getting the story out in the early years. We commend him for this. However, his story has changed so many times over the years that we are unable to take him seriously. Moreover, in evidential terms, all the other witnesses were in groups, so each person’s account is corroborated by two or three other people. In contrast, Larry’s story is a single, uncorroborated account. Our best assessment is that he took bits of other people’s stories and cobbled together a fanciful piece of science fiction with him at the heart of the tale. As we continue our to use legal and political channels to try to force various elements within government, the military and the intelligence community to release information about the Rendlesham Forest incident, we regard the Larry Warren story as an unhelpful distraction. He has our deepest sympathy and best wishes, but we think his story is fiction and we believe it is unhelpful to the wider quest for the truth when other people promote his various claims as if they were factual.”

The authors are entitled to their opinions of course, but it was their own former Deputy Base Commander who wrote only last October, “The individuals originally involved in the first night/sighting have changed their story numerous times, to the point that one wonders what’s going on.” And contrary to Jim and John’s “best assessment” that my coauthor “cobbled together a fanciful piece of science fiction with him at the heart of the tale,” it is Larry Warren and I who are responsible for making public the best collection of physical, scientific and supporting evidence yet to have surfaced in the overall Rendlesham investigation – and it is evidence that is *site-specific* to the *precise* location of the event he ‘claims’ to have been involved in. All the specifics of these findings were presented

in detail in my October 2013 column in *UFO Truth Magazine*, “Some Reflections on Rendlesham as a Public Event: Thirty Years and Counting.” I hope Jim and John take the time to read it at some point in the future. Nick Pope already has. I hope the reader will too.

To quote Nick Pope, “We now come to a difficult point in this book.” For me, the most difficult part of reading this book was to actually observe the growth of a pattern of factual errors, specifically aimed at minimizing, ignoring and dismissing the value and content of Larry’s and my contributions to what we know about the Rendlesham Forest incident. Each and every data point in this pattern of untruths had been lifted from only one source, that being Larry Warren’s and my book *Left At East Gate*. Each data point was based on a consistently maintained statement put forward by my coauthor, a statement of documented fact, a confirmed research finding, or other aspect of our separate or combined experience. Each one was then convoluted, taken out of context, or minimized in a manner calculated to cast doubt on or otherwise misrepresent Larry Warren’s account and/or my research or investigation. On the occasions a source was given for a *Left At East Gate* based contribution to *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*, it was never a correct source. In fact the most repeated source of uncredited information throughout this newest book about the RFI is Larry Warren.

What had gone on here? What ‘real life’ explanation could account for such behavior? Was Nick Pope really that sloppy a writer? No, no realistic chance of that in my mind. And I knew he wasn’t lazy in his investigatory abilities and he certainly wasn’t stupid. Was there some small chance, *any* chance that all these uncredited references to our book could be coincidental? I had to reject that possibility as well. Was all of this personal in some way, an attempt by this former Ministry of Defence official to settle some past score or dispute with Larry or me? In time I was left with no possible comfortable explanations to consider, and the possibilities that remained were all particularly sobering. I may never know for certain, but think I know what the motive was to implement such a strategy.

Whatever their other differences might be, the anti-Larry Warren alliance that is Charles Halt, John Burroughs, Jim Penniston, and Nick Pope, remain united in their desire to discredit this third night witness. I can supply some of the reasons I think this to be the case, not the least of which was that he had done the unthinkable in their collective opinion. Warren had violated his security oath. He had repeatedly broken the orders he had been given by his superiors. He had violated Air Force regulations. He had talked when he had been told to keep his mouth closed. The code of conduct that Pope, Penniston and Burroughs live by dictates that you abide by the military or official code of conduct, including, if there is a problem you need to resolve, you keep that problem within the military or within the realms of officialdom, and that you never, ever, consider taking it public.

There is no doubt that Larry Warren is guilty of all the above, and let me tell you what compelled him, drove him to it. As someone who has known and worked with him for more than a quarter century, I know that this man loves his country, but he does *not* love his country right or wrong, nor for that matter do I. This is the ‘wrong’ at the source of all of his behavior and actions beginning back in late December 1980 when he was a nineteen-year-old Air Force Security Police officer serving his country on an American base in England called RAF Bentwaters. *Wrong* was how he, Jim Penniston, John Burroughs and others were treated and dealt with following the events in question. *Wrong* was what was blocking his efforts to see that the suicide of his roommate did not go unanswered for.

Wrong was that the people of the United Kingdom were going to sleep each night completely unaware that just beyond some of their backdoors, their nation's closest ally maintained the largest backline stockpile of nuclear ordinance in the entire NATO command, this fully against the treaty terms then existing between these countries, or so I have been led to understand.



Larry Warren in his dorm room, RAF Bentwaters early 1981.

These are the reasons Larry Warren violated his security oath, disobeyed his orders, broke the regulations, and ultimately in the course of time, met someone who was willing to write a book with him about it. And in their so doing, the two brought unwanted attention and embarrassment to agencies, offices, a service branch, and individuals on both sides of the Atlantic. I have done my best to stand by my friend's side throughout all this for more than a quarter century and watched as the attacks on his credibility, character, motivations, state of mind and intentions have continued on unabated. And you know what? I have *had* it. "Honor" in a military context is not just something that consists of always and only following the official orders you are given in the military, whether you wear the uniform of your country or a business suit and are involved in the planning and support of your nation's military or intelligence personnel. Honor is also having the courage and clear sense of right and wrong to know that you are willing to put your life, safety, peace of mind and future squarely on the line to fight against a wrong of such significant consequence that you know no amount of going by the book will ever solve it or make it go away. And in this respect Larry Warren is one of the most honorable men I ever hope to meet.

Nick Pope: "Burroughs and Penniston are loyal ex-military personnel who served with dedication and distinction. They have risked their lives for their country and for the ideas of freedom and democracy that they cherish. Despite the frustration they feel at having to leave out parts of the story that some people might consider important, this isn't negotiable. Values such as integrity, honesty, and loyalty are hard-wired into people such as Burroughs and Penniston. Regrettably, it doesn't

always work the other way around. Despite the fact that loyalty should be a two-way street, Burroughs, Penniston, and many of the other young men and women caught up in these events feel betrayed by the chain of command.”

I can only agree with Nick on this. He, Penniston, Burroughs and Halt have all sworn allegiance to protect, preserve and maintain the safety and security of their respective countries and consider the oaths they took as “binding for life.” But keep in mind as well, all four men were employed for between twenty and twenty-seven years each by their government’s military, though in Nick’s case, by the agency which oversees the military affairs of all personal serving under Her Majesty’s flag. All three have spent the lion’s share of their adult lives taking orders, and to the degree indicated by their ranks, giving them as well. All of them receive government pensions as befit the years of loyal service each have given.

It is not very well known here in The States, but one difference between the personnel employed by the American Department of Defense and their UK counterparts at the Ministry of Defence, is that the Ministry assigns an equivalent military rank to its officials and civil servants, one based on seniority, performance levels, importance of assignments, good standing, experience, and I expect, several other factors. At the time of his retirement, Nick Pope was an Acting Deputy Director in the Directorate of Defence Security, and in some circles is entitled to be addressed by his military rank, that being Lieutenant Colonel Pope.



Nick Pope, Kensington 2002. Photo: P. Robbins.

I can't say with certainty what Nick Pope's true opinion is regarding the actual source of the binary code and its place in the Rendlesham story, but I find it extremely difficult to believe that an experienced professional of his stature and rank actually believes its true source is time travelers from our future, though you wouldn't suspect that reading his book. In fact I don't believe he takes this premise any more seriously than I do. Was his unwillingness to engage me in conversation about my concerns regarding same an indication that he shares my belief? Perhaps, but I'm not in a position to know. In any event I do think that Nick Pope owes me and my coauthor an explanation for the repeated unethical behavior reflected in his writing in *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*. I also think he owes his, Jim and John's readers, not to mention his colleagues and friends in ufology an explanation as well.

In *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* Nick Pope made a conscious decision to exclude any reference to the binary code's possibly being of earthly origin, and likely of military-intelligence origin at that. It was not something he forgot to write about, it was deliberate. Jim and John also remained silent on the matter. Was this a reflection of the trio's solidarity, or was one of the authors feeling stifled in not having been allowed to express certain views in the book he coauthored? A consequence perhaps of having every word in your manuscript subjected to separate security screenings by censors for two governments.

This notwithstanding, not long after the publication of *Incident In Rendlesham Forest*, John Burroughs posted a long statement containing his thoughts on the binary code and its implications. It began, "Now that the book has been published, I can discuss in a bit more detail the situation around the binary data and the possible information contained in it." Now that the book has been published? Apparently the author had to wait until after his book was published in order to tell us certain things he otherwise might have been free to tell us in the book. And in the most dazzling writing I've ever read from John he discusses the code and its varying implications. The many ways you can decode it are laid out in fine detail. John remains a serious student of the code in its varied permutations, but here allows for the additional possibility of the code's representing an op designed to deceive Jim Penniston and "...be triggered later in Manchurian Candidate style when the security people felt that interest in the case was getting too close to some truth or another." John also identifies other problems with his coauthor's account, observations and thoughts directly in line with those expressed in *Left At East Gate* and in *Deliberate Deception*. Interested readers should seek out the full text of John's statement on his or Jim and his Facebook pages. This passage is the most relevant for me:

"There seems to be three likely possibilities to be considered:

- 1) The object Jim encountered was really a vehicle of unknown origin under the control/guidance of some advanced form of intelligence and the message has something to do with the mission of that vehicle. Or a communication (or, more intriguingly a possible response to a communication) from that intelligence to Jim's consciousness. Call this the 'genuine unknown' possibility. In that case, unless the advanced intelligence has an alien sense of humor, these locations MEAN something. If that intelligence is indeed monitoring the progress of humanity, perhaps it is telling us to look in those locations for evidence of prior intervention in human development.

As discussed in the Consideration about Time, an advanced species that has command of time could be both from the future and have traveled to our distant past.

The problem with the genuine unknown possibility is that there is no clear and obvious message in these coordinates. They are tantalizing, but not immediately meaningful. Would not an advanced civilization provide clear and obvious clues to its prior visits? Or have the ravages of time erased some of the evidence that would make the clues obvious? Or is it a test of our tenacity to explore those locations, determine what is common among them and realize the true meaning of the message.

2) The binary data was impressed upon Jim's mind during the intense debriefing after the event as a post-hypnotic suggestion, to be acted out by his conscious mind as seemingly part of the original event, but not a product of the advanced intelligence (if it was that) encountered. This might be because the folks who did the debriefing wanted to plant a distraction for those investigating the case in later years as a layer of disinformation. In that case, Jim would be unaware, unable to distinguish the compulsion to write the code down from the effects of the event. A variation on that theme is that there was no advanced intelligence at all, that the entire exercise was some kind of test of very exotic psychoactive weaponry and the binary data, coordinates and all, was contrived to add to the illusion that contact with advanced intelligence was the 'event' presented to the test subjects.

3) The binary data was developed by Jim in later years as a means to be involved in the story as it unfolded. The ink and paper have not been conclusively tested, although the opinion has been offered that they both date to the 1980's. This would explain, in part, why the binary data did not come to light sooner. So would Jim's explanation that he was not interested in revealing information that would potentially end his career on the basis of psychological fitness.

All three of these possibilities have some merit and some difficulties. None stand out as clearly the most likely -- unless you come to the puzzle with a preconception."

John's writing grows even more colorful and eloquent from here. Examples:

"If you come to the puzzle with the preconception that alien intelligence exists and has been in touch with us for a long time in enigmatic ways, then the genuine unknown possibility will seem most likely and the fact was cannot immediately make anything overtly sensible of the message (assuming ascii is even the right way to decode the binary) just means we are not advanced intelligence."

"If you are in between the two extremes, or are suspicious of the security apparatus that seems to want this all kept from general public awareness then it would seem most likely that the message was made up and implanted as a trap-door leading to a wild goose chase, to be triggered later in Manchurian Candidate style when the security people felt that interest in the case was getting too close to some truth or another."

"All I can tell you is that there is enough ambiguity and enough possibilities to keep the origin, meaning and motive of the communication a topic of discussion and debate for years to come, barring some intense investigation."

“The NSA knows from cryptography. They easily could have made it all up and implanted it. If so, it would defeat their purpose to admit doing so. If someone proves they are capable of doing so, does that prove that they did? No, not really.”

“The phenomenon over time seems genuinely enigmatic. Testing us, confusing us. If a humanoid came to me and explained how the message was crafted, delivered to his mind and what it meant, would I believe it? Not unless there was some overwhelming motive for that act of admission that made sense.”

“Of all three possibilities, in each case the origin of the binary would have nothing to gain by admitting it. Investigators are too easily self-deceived into believing their own theories.”

“It's almost as if this element of the Rendlesham encounters is perfectly constructed as an unresolvable enigma. I wonder how far away the day is when it can be determined as anything more than that. Not to imply it's not a genuine part of the case lore. It certainly is, which is why the data is in the new book.”

Whew. Fairly dazzling stuff, and a confirmation that a new book is in the works from John Burroughs and possible coauthor(s) on the Rendlesham Forest incident and the binary code.

Let me tell you something about myself that I think you should know. I'm self-educated as an investigative writer, but I was fortunate to have had the best teachers possible, all of them coming into my life in the late Seventies as I began my career in UFO studies. Major (ret) Colman Von Keviczsky had been a member of the Royal Hungarian Army General Staff during World War Two, during which time he was charged with overseeing all photo-reconnaissance and photo-analysis for their military. Detective Sergeant Pete Mazzola was a tough, no-nonsense cop and a highly decorated member of the New York City Police Department, and he was a crack UFO investigator to boot. Before his untimely death in 1987 Pete headed a national organization called The Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI), the core of whose membership consisted of several hundred police officers with a serious interest in UFO investigation located all over the United States.



*Budd Hopkins and assistant Peter Robbins, Hopkins' New York City studio 1994.
Photo: D. Winters.*

Budd Hopkins, arguably one of the most important personages in the history of UFO studies, was the founding pioneer investigator of the scientific study and investigation of the UFO abduction phenomenon, and, I'm proud to say, also a self-trained investigative writer. In the course of his work Budd also founded a nonprofit called the Intruders Foundation (IF) dedicated to the study of the abduction phenomenon and established to offer public education regarding this highly misunderstood subject, and to provide assistance and support for those who had actually experienced it. It was a great privilege to work as his assistant for about half of our thirty-five-year-long friendship. These three remarkable men taught me how to *investigate* the various aspects of the UFO phenomenon, and how to think critically in the process of doing so. They also taught me how to present my findings in the most grounded and effective manner possible. Yes, I had good teachers, and did my best to learn my lessons.

One of the most important skills necessary in doing the work I spent year after year assigning and reassigning myself came naturally to me. It was the ability to discern patterns in the course of my investigations – whether applied to data accumulated in the field, in the numerous details confided to me by witnesses, abductees and experiences, or in combing through printed material, articles and files, be they previously classified, historical, scientific, popular or specifically UFO-related in nature. One area where this skill came to serve me particularly well was a project I'd initiated to see if I could find the actual origins of the use of ridicule of UFOs in American newspapers, this as a means of reducing or destroying public interest in the phenomenon – and, if possible, to discern some repeating pattern of reportage in same, if such a pattern was there to be found (there was, and I did).

“One of the primary tasks involved was to familiarize myself with..” (the New York Times history of reporting on the subject.), meaning I would go on to locate, print out, and read, then reread, then reread again (in chronological order), every single article, editorial, photo caption, and letter to-the-editor that they had ever published making reference to any term or word I felt might be associated with the subject of unidentified flying objects. In my first go-round in the late Eighties I accomplished this through the use of the big old cross-referenced ledgers such information was referenced in in the pre-digital days. Some years after that I switched over to computer searches when this tool became available in the Main Branch of the New York City Public Library's reading room. But why this little side trip down memory lane? Because finding the pattern of biased reporting that this newspaper (and so many others) used to discredit the UFO phenomenon was functionally identical to finding and identifying the pattern I observed running through the pages of *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest*.

During this process, a question I found myself asking was, would it have been possible for Nick Pope to produce the book he did without reading, or rereading, or at the least, referring to the book *Left At East Gate*? I know he originally read the book in galley form after I sent it to him in 1996. I did so knowing full well that others in the Ministry would likely read it after he had, but neither Larry nor I gave that understanding a second thought. I had written to the Ministry official, specifically to find out if he wanted me to send him a copy, our motive here extremely simple: that he might like our book enough to provide a liner note for the book jacket. Could there have been *any* possibility he had somehow ‘remembered’ all of the specific excerpts from *Left At East Gate* he introduced in his book, but not remembered their source, or that he somehow confused all of them as somehow coming from other sources? Was there any realistic possibility that each of the crafted mistruths taken from the facts and testimony found in our book could have been the direct result of incompetence, incredibly second-rate research, laziness or stupidity – and I'm not trying to be funny, insulting or flippant here. I'm simply doing my best to give the author the benefit of any doubt that his actions were not meant to be disingenuous but accidental instead, even in such an ‘odds-against’ confluence of accidents. I tried, but was not successful.

The pattern I observed is governed by the following factors. Take incomplete, and as a result, misleading pieces of information from the book, *Left At East Gate*, but never credit the book as your source. If you are compelled to mention the book by name, still do not mention that it is the source of what you refer to. On the occasions you do cite a source for information taken from the

book, make sure it is erroneous. Create/invent some new ‘details’ and attribute them to Warren, even though they bear no resemblance to anything he has ever said or written. Base all of your accusations, observations and conclusions relating to Larry Warren and to his coauthor’s research on incomplete and convoluted data, always ‘borrowed’ from their own book. Label or categorize well-documented, factual information appearing in *Left At East Gate* as ‘rumor’ when no rumor was ever reported. Consistently and erroneously conclude that Larry Warren is the single source of certain information while ignoring all evidence presented in *Left At East Gate* which repeatedly establishes the contrary to be true. These are the entries that together form the backbone of this pattern of deception I encountered:

1. No source is offered for Pope’s nuclear question posed by Lord Hil-Norton. Actual source: Larry Warren/*Left At East Gate*.
2. Erroneous sources given twice for Hill-Norton’s learning of the beams of light being shot into the Bentwaters Weapons Storage Area. Actual source: Peter Robbins/*Left At East Gate*.
3. Invented, unsourced details, previously unknown to this investigative writer but added to Warren’s encounter account. Completely refuted in Warren’s actual account as published in *Left At East Gate*.
4. Invented details, previously unknown but added to Warren’s debriefing account. Completely refuted in Warren’s published account in *Left At East Gate*.
5. Stating that no one saw Warren in the forest that night. *Left At East Gate* references two Air Force personnel who do place him there in unsolicited statements.
6. Stating that no one saw Warren’s witness statement, the inference being that such a statement or statements never existed. Directly and specifically refuted in *Left At East Gate*.
7. Ignoring the actual, original source of Charles Halt’s belief that Warren was not involved on the third night when the retired colonel personally communicated this view to me in a consensually recorded phone conversation, a complete transcription of which appears in *Left At East Gate*.
8. A patently false source offered by the author in stating how Lord Hill-Norton became interested in the possible suicide of an airman stationed at RAF Bentwaters. Then dismissing the allegation by completely ignoring Warren’s published account of the facts surrounding same.
9. Choosing to ignore the documented, published eyewitness accounts of two honorably retired USAF sergeants that appear in *Left At East Gate* to create the impression that Larry Warren was the only person to report seeing a specific apparatus, i.e.: a militarized cloudbuster near the RAF Bentwaters flight line.
10. The decision to include two small paragraphs designed to single out British and American writers, researchers and authors who contributed significantly to our knowledge of the RFI, then to ‘write-out’ the only American authors on Rendlesham responsible for producing a highly regarded bestselling book on the subject in the UK. I think you get the idea.

Not surprisingly, this particular sentence in *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* struck me with particular resonance: “Part of the job of a good intelligence analyst is to look for pieces of apparently separate information that, when linked, form a single, coherent picture,” and in the course of carefully reading this book, a “coherent picture” emerged, and in no uncertain terms.

How could someone make so many factual errors, all of them related to a single information source? They couldn't. I've known Nick Pope for going on seventeen years. During that time I've repeatedly been his guest in London, commiserated with him, celebrated with him, gone drinking with him and had long talks with him. I know him to be well-educated, naturally perceptive and obviously well-trained for his chosen field, this exemplified by the important and highly specialized work he did within the Ministry where he rose to significant rank before retiring. Nick is a fully professional writer, a respected consultant for mainstream media and television, an accomplished public speaker, and one of the very few people who works within the field of ufology who is also regularly employed by the print media in the UK. I also know that he loves his country as much as any Briton I have ever met and that he regards the security oath he swore to it as “binding for life.”

There is no question that certain information included in *Left At East Gate* caused significant embarrassment to Her Majesty's Government when it was first published there in 1997. It's important to note here that during that summer the media went somewhat 'UFO-crazy', given that it was the fiftieth anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sightings, the Roswell incident, and the birth of the Modern Age of UFOs. The result was a spate of new UFO books and publications, TV specials, events, and the rebroadcasting of many older UFO documentaries on both sides of the Atlantic. It was, in some part at least, Nick Pope's active support of *Left At East Gate* that helped propel it into public consciousness in the UK that year. The outstandingly positive quote he offered us for the back of our book was most welcome and certainly helped draw positive attention to our title. He was even enthusiastic enough about it to write a review for the Ministry of Defence's in-house monthly magazine, *Focus*, and a most positive review of it it was. Had he come to regret these decisions enough to take the actions he did, and so many years after the fact?

It was a lot to consider. But I live in the real world and know we are motivated by different things. I also know there are people in this world who serve in positions they may never fully retire from after 'retiring,' for reasons of personal gain, fear, patriotism, ideology, or other sense of commitment. They continue their service to the institution and ideas that in some cases they had sworn an oath to. Had Nick fully retired from the Ministry of Defence? Did the actions he seems to have taken grow out of personal initiative fed by some personal and/or professional resentment/vendetta I was unaware of? I didn't think so. But had he simply undertaken a self-assigned objective, or had someone suggested he do it, or, and it sounded so over-dramatic, had he been ordered to do it? I couldn't say, of course, but did not see any alternatives to these options either. One thing I've learned during my years in this field is that government resentment toward whistle blowers, toward those who have caused them embarrassment in this regard is extremely slow to die. A case in point: during the summer of 1997 the United States Government Printing Office published a book, seemingly at the behest of the Air Force, which was about as big as the Brooklyn phone directory (when such things were still printed) and entitled *Roswell: Case Closed*. The book contained several hundred pages of pure, unadulterated crap, but no matter.

Its publication was a true expression of the fact that our government, and in this case the government of the United Kingdom, will continue to demean, discredit, belittle and attack such accounts and the individuals who have worked to make them public, and time is a factor of little importance in their continuing efforts to do so, even half a century later.

Conclusions

When Nick Pope agreed to write most of Jim Penniston and John Burroughs' book for them, he became partners with two understandably angry men looking only to tell the story of the authentic UFO incident they had been involved in, and of their experiences in its aftermath. In a sense, in Jim and John's abbreviated words, Nick was "handed a stage or platform ... that ... needed to be rebuilt." Well, rebuild it he did, but into something that in part seeks to deceive as well as inform, and that is a real shame. For the record, the definition of the word "disinformation" is, "false information that is given to people in order to make them believe something or to hide the truth." *Incident In Rendlesham Forest* does of course give Penniston and Burroughs the opportunity they had so long sought to tell their story, but at what price?

Where do Burroughs and Penniston fit into this convoluted matrix? I don't think they have anything to do with the *Left At East Gate* disinformation thread or were necessarily even aware of its methodical presence in a story that is otherwise theirs. I think John and Jim see themselves as united with Nick in several definitive senses. Their shared patriotism, if for different nations, Pope's sincere, I believe, desire to support them in their quest for their records and for the justice they deserve from the Air Force and from the Veteran's Administration. Then there's their shared understanding that Larry Warren is a dangerous loose-cannon (though for differing reasons), and John and Jim's now-arcane notion that his account, as documented in *Left At East Gate* "is unhelpful to the wider quest for the truth."

When all is said and done, the man from the Ministry is not able to say what he really thinks or believes about many things Rendlesham, not to mention a myriad of other related subjects. And barring the unforeseen he never will. There was a time though when, for whatever combination of reasons, Nick Pope showed real courage for a public person, especially a government official, risking ridicule or worse to lend his support to a new book he very much believed in, even as his own first book competed with it for sales.

"Larry Warren and Peter Robbins have done an excellent job in blowing the lid off a UFO case that could be bigger and more sinister than Roswell. There is much in this book that will make you angry, and rightly so. It raises serious questions about just how far certain people will go to prevent the truth about UFOs ever becoming public knowledge. This book is meticulously researched, gripping, provocative, and will undoubtedly lead to some long overdue questions being asked at the highest levels. This is a sensational book, and no matter what the skeptics and debunkers may try, this story is not going to go away."

Seventeen years later and the skeptics, debunkers, and others are still trying.

Epilogue by Colin Andrews

Peter Robbins is a good friend. I have known him since the early 90s when we met at a UFO conference in North Haven, Connecticut at which we both presented. Through Peter I was introduced to Larry Warren, an eye witness at the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incidents (RFI) in the U.K. which Peter so meticulously investigated. The presentation in North Haven was one of the first public appearances either had made on what became the most important and well documented series of UFO events in British history. In 1997 they co-authored the seminal book about the incident, titled *Left at East Gate* (Marlowe & Co, February, 1997).

Anybody who knows Peter, knows that in addition to being a very genuine and nice person, he is also detailed, meticulous and extraordinarily honest. He is a great guy who dislikes speaking ill of others, a very refreshing trait. He would rather say nothing than do someone down, and so when he kindly sent me a copy of a working draft of his new book, then titled *Deception – A Review and Critical Analysis of the book, Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* (self-published, May, 2014), his strong title and no nonsense text captured my full attention.

His new book is a critical review of the book *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* (Thomas Dunne Books (April 15, 2014), co-authored by Nick Pope, John Burroughs and Jim Penniston. As Peter read their book, he noticed a pattern which first caused concern and then anger. He noticed beyond any reasonable doubt that he and his co-author Larry Warren and their book *Left at East Gate* were virtually removed from the subject even though they were the primary investigators into the event. *Encounter In Rendlesham Forest* seemed to Peter to be a methodical and effective piece of disinformation conceived and executed with apparent forethought, deliberation and intent to harm. I would suggest that it was an attempt to rewrite history, but why?

I stopped what I was doing and read *Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community* cover to cover in one hit. It struck me as a very familiar story. I had lived through the same type of situation having been written out of the crop circle subject by Nick Pope, author, researcher and government official (now retired). To fully understand what is being attempted and how important this is, this epilogue needs to be set out in three steps.

Peter's book *Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community* speaks for itself. From personal hands-on experience Peter details the actual historical events surrounding the Rendlesham Forest incidents. He then details the areas in which Nick Pope, as the primary author, has rewritten events. He shows how Larry Warren as a key witnesses is belittled and removed from the record, as is Peter Robbins as the original primary researcher. Their book, *Left at East Gate* does not appear in the index or reference material although much of their original research is used without credit to it. As I began to evaluate Peter's situation, the striking parallels between the rewrite of the Rendlesham Forest Incident with that of crop circles were inescapable. The two events seemed part of the same pattern. In the case of crop circles, Nick Pope publically decried government interest in crop circles and minimized my role in the investigations as conveyed in the first book written about crop circles by me and Pat Delgado, *Circular Evidence* (Bloomsbury, 1989).

During the early years of my investigation, I prepared several technical reports for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government and the Head of State, Queen Elizabeth. I was also involved with several police authorities in the U.K., as well as with Members of Parliament and the Chief Scientific Advisor to both the Queen and the Prime Minister. Over time, my involvement at such high levels seemingly embarrassed the government and Nick Pope's job appears to have been to rewrite that part of the crop circle history. A primary goal was to downplay my original research, still used as the basis of the subject with no acknowledgments, and my role in bringing the subject into the public arena through numerous books and world-wide presentations, even coining the term 'crop circles.' While I am personally not important in this current discussion, the truth and the reasons why the government want to rewrite history are.

For those who are late to this discussion, here is a quick recap of the situation as it relates to crop circles. Keep in mind, we are looking at the apparent efforts to re-engineer the two subjects here.

Nick Pope, former head of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) UFO project, wrote an article titled *Crop Circles – An Official History*, Posted on his website: (<http://www.nickpope.net/crop-circles.htm>). Presumably this was sanctioned by his bosses at the MoD as otherwise he would be breaking the Officials Secrets Act, as Pope himself later admitted in a BBC interview (May 3, 2009).

In his article, Pope disputes my claims there was official interest in the subject of crop circles by the MoD, Houses of Parliament, county police and members of the Royal household. In fact, he pretty much accused me of purposeful misleading of the public. In his article, Pope specifically rebuked public statements of mine claiming that:

- the MoD did not have an in-depth or lasting interest in the subject and debunks claims that I had government level interactions. Pope sited the Hansard record from the Houses of Parliament as evidence that the Military did not work with any civilian research group on the crop circles mystery.
- there was no involvement with county police, which he attempted to prove by showing an official record from Hampshire and Wiltshire police chiefs stating that their officers were not carrying out any official investigations.
- there was never any interest by the Queen or other members of the Royal Family in the crop circles.
- the use of a government D-notice was never used to stifle media coverage of *Operation Blackbird* as I had said. (A D-notice is a government order to cease media transmissions of material considered to be a threat to national security.)

I wrote a lengthy rebuttal and provided overwhelming evidence that Nick Pope was categorically wrong on all allegations. My evidence included signed correspondence with government officials, military reports and photographs, and even the written request of the Queen to be put on the Circles Phenomenon Research mailing list. I published all of the evidence in a book titled *Government Circles* (Archive Publishing House, 2006) and presented the material at the Exopolitics Conference in Washington D.C. 2009. Nick Pope was present. The result was a retraction by Pope of his statements along with a personal and public apology.

It doesn't take a great deal of insight to perceive that what Nick Pope attempted to do with me and the crop circles is very similar to what is now attempted in regards to Pete Robbins and Larry Warren and The Rendlesham Forrest incident. It's interesting to note that the reason Nick Pope is given so much press is because he purports to know the inside government scoop on these issues. Yet when confronted with evidence that what he wrote was erroneous, evidence that was surely part of government reports, his response was that "he was unaware of the information." That implies that he was either a low level employee working under instruction and/or he was working to a specific agenda. In any case, we must assume Nick Pope's shared knowledge base is no better informed than the average researcher. So, what is the agenda behind boldly re-shaping the main thrust of these two subjects? I believe it is control of public perception. My research has led me to believe that these subjects are part of an evolution of consciousness as I write about in my book *On the Edge of Reality* (New Page Books, 2013). The desire to intercept this evolution for the purpose of controlling planetary forces is what is underway. Everyone who is speaking truth is slandered, distorted and written out of history. Personally, I believe these attempts will fail because I don't believe the advancement of humanity can be curtailed by government's immoral efforts to engineer what the public believe.

Who are these people and to who are they accountable?

Colin Andrews
Guilford, Connecticut, USA.
May 2014

Praise for *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-up and Investigation* by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins

“... one gripping version of the story of this classic UFO case and its aftermath.”

Publisher's Weekly

“This is a powerful and compelling book. For me, its implicit central theme is the authors' personal courage and relentless search for truth in the face of official deception and attempts at direct intimidation. Warren and Robbins narrative has the force of a well-told mystery novel, yet it is all disturbingly true. A major contribution to the literature.”

Budd Hopkins, author of *Missing Time*, *Intruders* and *Witnessed: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions*

“Warren's firsthand account explodes with authentic detail. A riveting, fascinating and important book.”

Whitley Strieber, author of *Communion*, *Wolfen* and *Majestic*

“Peter, who breaks ground his way ... our # 1 Sleuth of all time”

John Mack, M.D., Ph.D., and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Prince of Our Disorder*, *Abduction* and *Passport to the Cosmos*.

“Larry Warren's first-hand account, combined with Peter Robbins' in-depth research and scholarship, provides us with a unique insight into the extraordinary events which characterize the Bentwaters-Woodbridge incident of December 1980, as well as its devastating aftermath. I highly recommend this vitally important book.”

Timothy Good, author of *Above Top Secret* and *Beyond Top Secret*.

“... Expertly crafted with co-author Peter Robbins – who provides an absolute wealth of investigative input, commentary and observation – the book is one that should be read by anyone even remotely interested in the UFO mystery. Warren and Robbins are to be applauded for having the courage to provide us with the ultimate account of a remarkable case that refuses to go away.”

Nick Redfern, author of *A Covert Agenda*, *The FBI Files*, and numerous other titles

“Larry Warren and Peter Robbins in their different complimentary roles are both to be greatly congratulated for their courage and tenacity in producing this extraordinarily revealing account.”

Anthony Grey, former foreign correspondent with Reuters, former BBC World Service reporter, and author of the international best-selling historical novels, *Saigon*, *Peking* and *Tokyo Bay*.

“... years later, questions on these UFO sightings are still being asked in Parliament. If you read this gripping book you will see why.”

Nick Pope, author of *Open Skies*, *Closed Minds*, *The Uninvited*, *Operation Thunder Child*, and *Operation Strike*. Excerpted from his December 1997 review of *Left At East Gate* for *Focus*, the MoD's monthly House Magazine.

Some Acknowledgements and a Note on this Appendix:

This gratis ‘cyber-edition’ of *Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community* would not have been possible without the assistance, support and encouragement of *Phenomena Magazine*’s Managing Editor Stephen Mera, Editor Brian Allan, and their superb production team in Manchester. Nor would it have been possible without the original encouragement of my Editor at *UFO Truth Magazine*, Gary Haseltine in Yorkshire. I am indebted to them all for helping to make this project a reality.

I also want to thank my friend and colleague Colin Andrews for the Epilogue he was kind enough to volunteer and for the extraordinary supporting material he gave me permission to reproduce here. While the facts and accompanying letters he has supplied us with are, for me, damning, depressing and infuriating, they very much needed to be said and included, if only to underscore the observations and concerns I express in *Deliberate Deception*. In my opinion Colin’s book, *In Government Circles* is a ‘must’ addition to any serious UFO library. His Epilogue and the attachments which follow inspired me to pull together and organize the most sweeping appendix possible to accompany this text. My thanks of course also go to the man who first blew the whistle on the Rendlesham Forest incident cover-up, my good friend and coauthor Larry Warren, who has never, not even once, backed down from his search for the truth about the events of December 1980, not even in the face of more than three decades of often-withering criticism of his character, his motivations, and the accuracy of his account of his involvement in the RFI.

What follows then is a selection of declassified documents, reports, official correspondence, letters, press coverage, articles, drawings, photographs, etc., drawn in part from the archive that Larry Warren and I spent years assembling. With Larry’s consent I also include documents from his USAF service record and others that relate both to the case for his direct involvement in the RFI as well as to the broader story in question. To the best of my knowledge it constitutes the largest Rendlesham incident- related database ever made available to the public. I hope this material will be of both value and interest to readers as they come to their own best conclusions regarding the events in question.

The selection of photographs contains pictures Larry took when he was stationed at RAF Bentwaters in 1980 and 81. It also includes shots of RAF Bentwaters, key locations in the Rendlesham Forest, as well as some views of beautiful Suffolk itself, a part of the United Kingdom I have returned to now more than twenty times and have come to think of as something of a second home.

There was however one group of photographs I had reservations about including, that being the “Robbins and Warren and Company” file. This assortment includes photos of Larry and me, family, friends, colleagues, and some of the people we have met along the way. I felt that some readers might interpret them as gratuitous or superficial, but their presence here is important to me. The great majority of those they picture have been there for me and/or Larry over the years through good times and bad, and for that they have our sincerest thanks. There are many others who do not appear in this section that I am equally indebted to. And finally, my undying thanks to my family who have been there for me, even at the toughest of times, throughout this writing and all that has come before it. You are the best.

Nonetheless, my concern about this was such that I wrote to Steve Mera, asking for his and his staff's thoughts about including it. His response was, "...our team members sing the same tune. They love the fact that something so thorough and packed is being offered. Not only is it the critical review which will mean a lot to so many who are knowledgeable of RFI but is also a great research document to go along with the other files they might have on the incident. This will also appeal to those who don't have as much knowledge of RFI. One great place to find so much... A visual step through time... Really helps get a feel of the years of involvement and dedication." And so it wasn't cut. I hope you feel the way that they did about the images in this section and find the other material of interest and value as well.

Peter Robbins.

Assorted Exhibits and Inclusions - From Colin Andrews

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

10th May, 1990.

Dear Mr. Andrews,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd May, which has been shown to The Queen. Her Majesty has taken an interest in the mysterious crop circles for some time, and was consequently sad to hear that your results of years of research into the question are at risk through lack of funds. [REDACTED]

The Queen was particularly interested to hear about the telephone call from a farmer near Snettisham (where I live). I wonder if you would be indiscreet enough to let me have his name in case I know him and I could contact him about it. So far as The Queen knows, there have been no circles on the Sandringham Estate as yet. The Queen would have no objection to your making contact with her Agent at Sandringham, Mr. Julian Loyd. The address is as follows:-

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely
Robert Fellowes

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Colin Andrews, Esq.

Letter from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's secretary confirming her long term interest in crop circles, dispelling Pope's statement that there was none. Her Majesty received Andrews' regular newsletter on his research and several reports.



From: David Mitchell, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
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10 July 1990

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Dear Colin,

Just a line to say thank you for the care and trouble you took in taking me on a viewing expedition to see circles in corn fields near Winchester. It was obviously very helpful to me to observe these at first hand and to have the opportunity of culling your knowledge of the background to so many of the circles.

As promised I have now been to see David Trippier, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, and have had a useful discussion with him and his Chief Scientific Advisor.

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Having discussed it with the Minister he has agreed that an approach should be made to the Natural Environmental Research Council to see if they will take an official interest in what is going on and support some further research. As you know the decision must be for them as to whether they will take up this suggestion but since you have changed the climate so responsibly over recent years I think it much more likely than ever before that additional serious investigation will be undertaken.

Yours sincerely

I suggest we keep in touch

David Mitchell

Letter to Colin Andrews from Sir David Mitchell, Member of Parliament regarding discussions between the Minister of State for the Environment and the Chief Scientific Advisor.



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From the Parliamentary Secretary (Commons)

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28 June 1989

Dear Mr Andrews

Thank you for your letter of 2 June enclosing a picture of a distinctive pattern of lodging in a cereal crop. It appears to me that this is much more likely to result from a combination of wind and local soil fertility conditions in a cereal stand prone to lodging. It seems unlikely that there is any contamination which would render the crop unsuitable for harvesting.

Yours sincerely,

M.A.P.A.U.

for RICHARD RYDER

(Approved by the Parliamentary Secretary
and signed in his absence)

Letter to Colin Andrews from the Parliamentary Secretary, Richard Ryder, confirming the government's view that Andrews report and aerial photographs showing 'crop circles' they judged was caused by lodging, an effect of wind or soil fertility. This view was also stated in answers to questions raised in the Houses of Parliament and recorded in Hansard.

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Letter to Colin Andrews from Sir David Mitchell asking for photographs to rebuff the government's chief scientific advisor's view that these shapes were caused by wind of soil fertility.

From: David Mitchell, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

9 September 1989

Colin Andrews Esq MASEE AILE

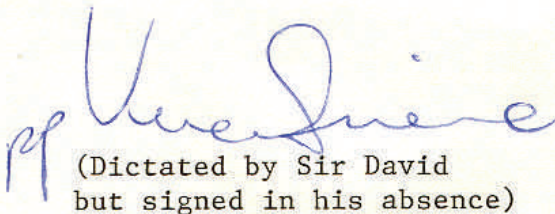
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Andover
Hants [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Andrews

I was glad of the opportunity of meeting you and going through matters again. I agree that the matter of the circles is something which the Government should assist in investigating and I shall make representations to the Minister concerned. In addition I look forward to receiving photographs which are most effective in demonstrating firstly that it is not crop lodging because the crop is all neatly turned and laid and secondly that the circle is too scientifically a circle and not generally an area of the falling down of crop. Also the extraordinary photograph that shows satellite circles would be most effective in demonstrating the points you are making.

As soon as I have these photographs I will write to the appropriate Minister. If it is possible it would be helpful if I could have three sets of each photograph so that I can approach more than one Minister.

Yours sincerely


(Dictated by Sir David
but signed in his absence)

*Letter to Colin Andrews from Member of Parliament, Sir David Mitchell, discussing
Crop Circle photographs.*



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Sir David Mitchell MP
House of Commons
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21 August 1990

Thank you for your letter of 3 August which asked what would be the next steps following Dr Buttle's letter on Circles in Wheatfields. The Natural Environment Research Council would require a proposal for funding from a scientist at a "well founded" laboratory proposing a programme of work. It has not been clear to me from previous correspondence I have seen from Mr Andrews whether any professional scientists have been involved in the studies to-date, but if they have they should find Dr Buttle's letter most helpful.

Yours sincerely

D J FISK
Chief Scientist

Letter to Member of Parliament, Sir David Mitchell from the Department of the Environment's Chief Scientist, Dr. D.J. Fisk, discussing suggestions for official scientific research with Colin Andrews.

From: Brigadier Clive Robertson



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

31st October, 1989

Dear Mr Andrews

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to write to thank you for your letter of 23rd October which His Royal Highness was most interested to read. Prince Philip would certainly like you to update him with significant developments on the Circles Phenomenon. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
Clive Robert

Colin Andrews, Esq.,

Letter to Colin Andrews from Buckingham Palace on behalf of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh asking Colin to keep him informed about progress of research into the crop circles. The Queen and Prince Philip subscribed to Andrews newsletter and also received technical reports sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicolas Ridley, in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet.



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George de Trafford
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3 March 1989

Dear Mr de Trafford

Thank you for your letter of 21 February addressed to my Secretary of State requesting a meeting. I have been asked to reply. My Secretary of State is aware of this phenomenon and has seen some of Mr Andrews' reports as well as the extensive article in January's issue of Weather. I do not believe at this stage a meeting would be necessary. My Secretary of State welcomes the news that you will have a centre for these studies, and wishes you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely

P J SAUNDERS

Copy of a letter to George DeTrafford a member of the Knights of Malta on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicolas Ridley, confirming Andrews reports sent to the Minister.



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Date 24 January 1994

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Dear Colin,

Thank you for your fax dated 20 January.

The position with regard to UFO reports is that pilots at Boscombe Down - and indeed any other military personnel - should record any sighting in exactly the same way as anybody else, and send the report to us. It may well be that they, in common with many members of the public, are simply not inclined to report what they saw. I am giving some thought to how the reporting system might be tightened up.

I heard from another researcher that Tullio Regge's proposal had been rejected by the European Parliament, but that he is appealing against the decision; as soon as I have confirmed this with UK representatives I will let you know.

I have still received no UFO reports for 12 January, and I would expect to have received any such reports by now.

I was interested in what you said about your meeting with the Japanese officials, and about briefings with President Clinton's staff; I was not aware of these briefings, and would appreciate it if you would keep me in touch.

Finally, I hope that the files at the Public Record Office prove interesting; my understanding is that the reports are pretty much the same as the ones we get now - ie LITS, as opposed to close encounters. I advise that you check that the files are indeed available before you make a special journey; the telephone number of the Public Record Office is 081 876 3444.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,
Nick Pope

Letter to Colin Andrews from Nick Pope at the Ministry of Defence regarding Andrews suggestion for a more direct reporting procedure within the MoD and a proposal raised in the European Parliament. Also a MoD request that Andrews keep them informed about his discussions with Japanese officials, with President Clinton's scientific advisor, and Andrews request to view UFO documents at the public records office.



Colin Andrews rebukes Nick Pope's official MoD re-write of crop circle history at the Exopolitical Conference in Washington D.C. during 2009. Pope was in the audience to witness his presentation which can be viewed in its entirety on Youtube or on www.ColinAndrews.net. Andrews went on to publish the book, "In Government Circles" to ensure the true facts were in print.



Colin Andrews with army personnel at the famous Operation Blackbird, the largest surveillance operation of its kind ever undertaken. A secret military operation was taking place at the same time also involving Colin and his research colleague, former NASA engineer, Pat Delgado. The army filmed a UFO over fields where since the operation, a police officer witnessed three tall beings next to an intricate crop circle pattern.



*Colin Andrews researching a new crop circle discovery near Winchester, England.
The circle was subject of police surveillance interest and Andrews report was
sent to Government departments and Buckingham Palace.*



*Sir David Mitchell, Member of Parliament being shown around crop circles near
Winchester, England.*



CASH IN: Tell us how corn rings form... and win £10,000

Royals

THE Royal Family WON to wear seat belts in their limos, it was revealed last night.

They will escape the tough clunk-click law — to make it easier for them to wave to the crowds.

But last night, the move was slammed by furious safety experts and motoring

try and I am worried wear rear safety belts

Charles is going round in circles

● CORN circles have received Royal patronage. For the mystery rings have just appeared in fields owned by Prince Charles.

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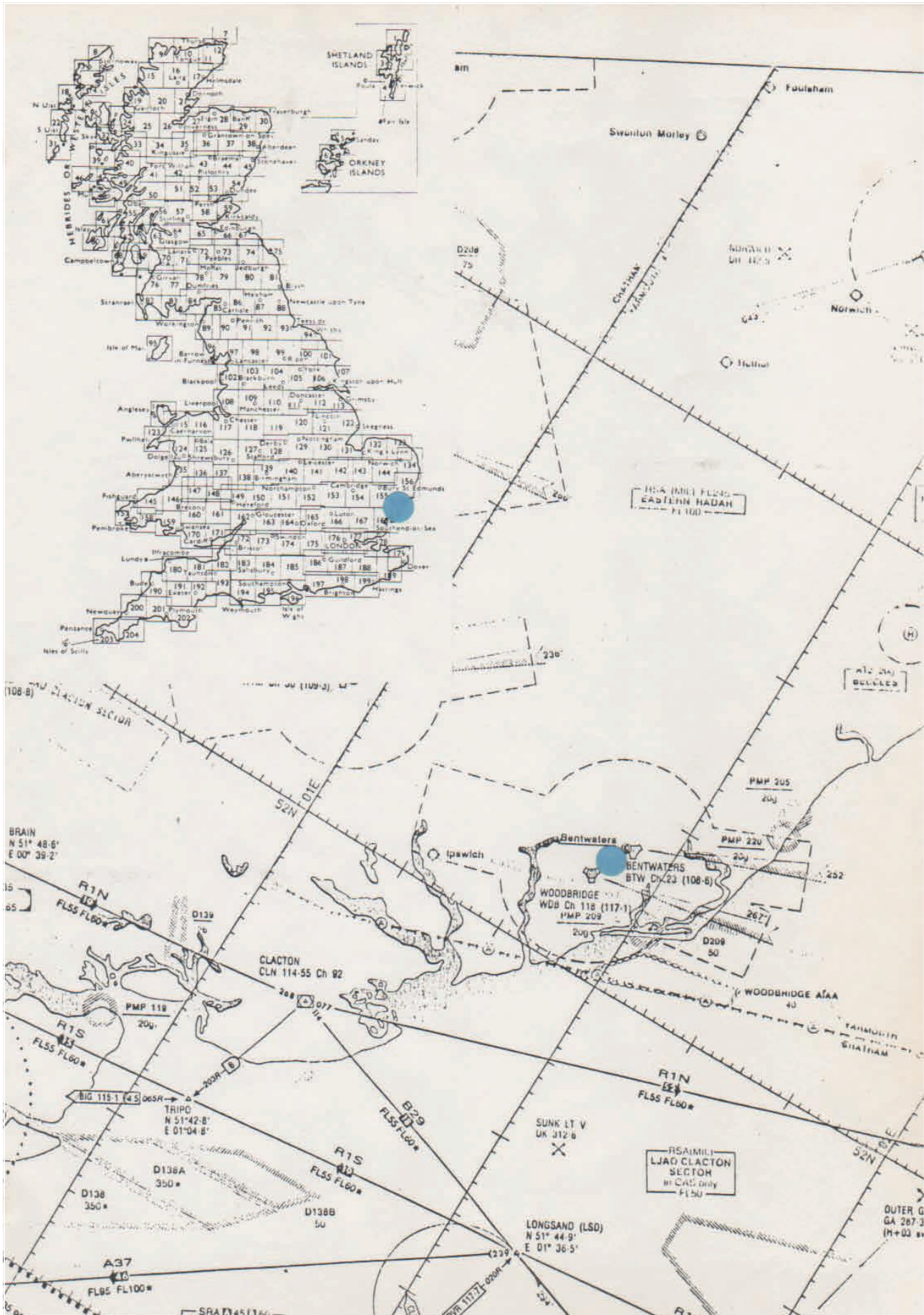


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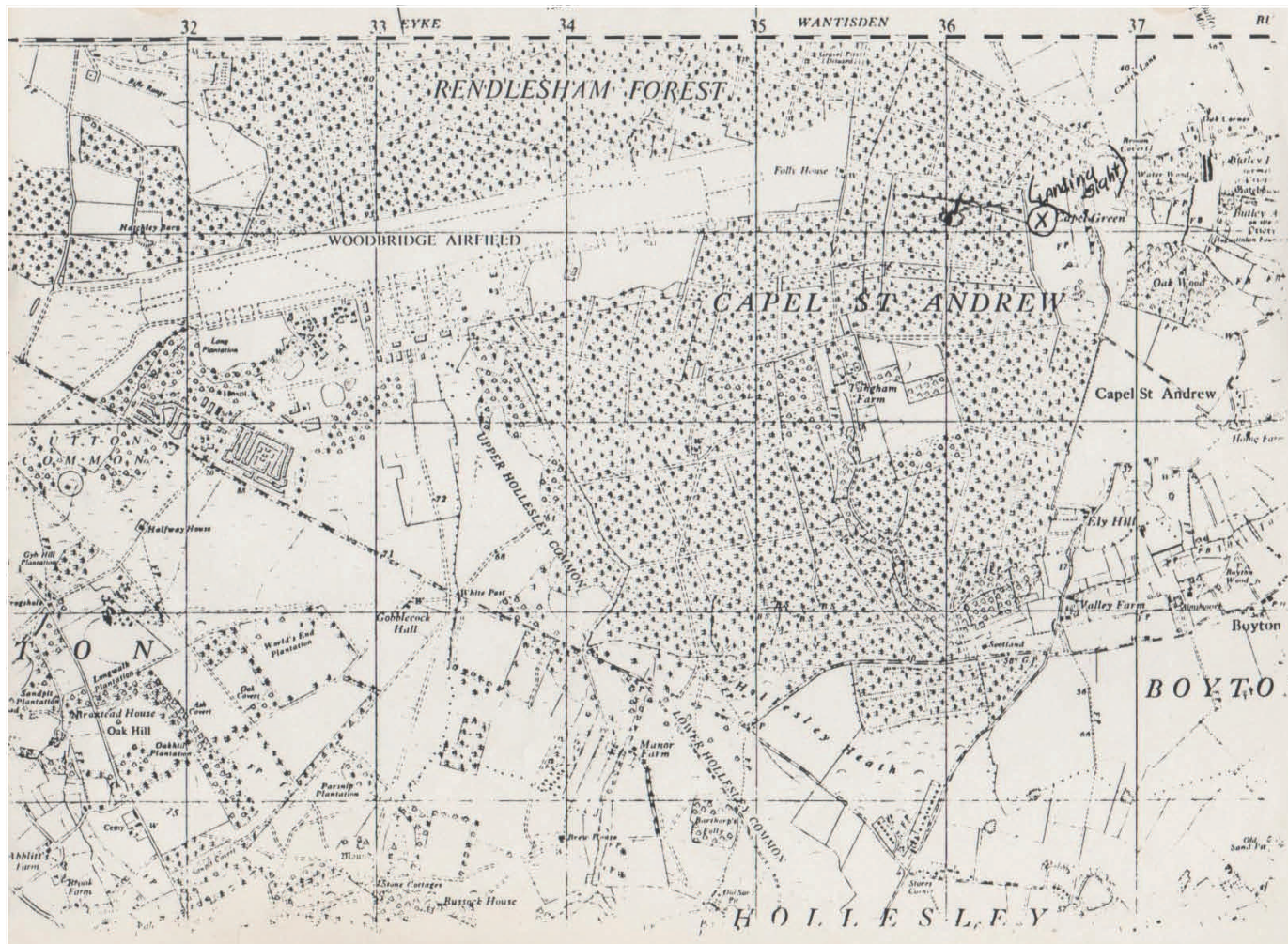
British National Newspaper the Star, reports on crop circles which had appeared in fields belonging to Prince Charles. It also reported a secret meeting with Colin Andrews, who had been asked if he would show his Royal Highness around the circles.

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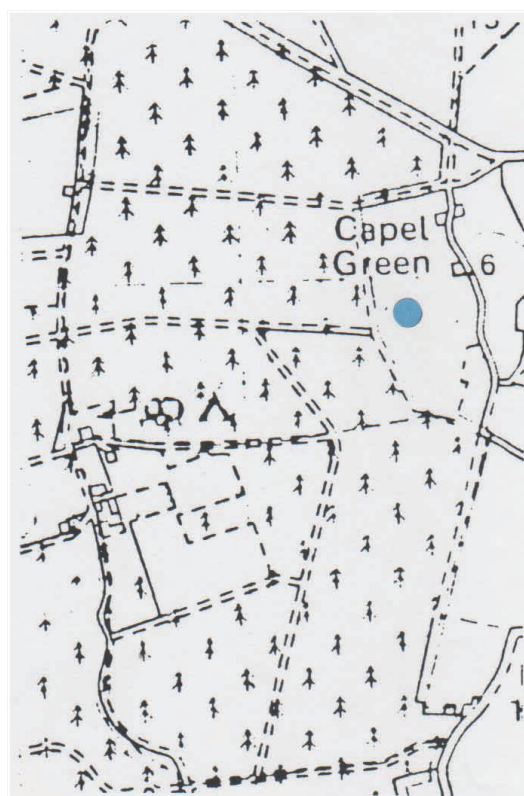
Appendix 1: Maps



Location of the twin bases.



Map of the Rendlesham Forest, the location of the third night incident marked with an "X" by Larry Warren.



Map showing close up of Capel Green where Larry Warren had his experience.

Appendix 2: Documents, Letters, Papers

THE U.F.O. PHENOMENON. RAF/USA BENTWATERS AIRBASE.

At 9.30 pm., August 13th 1956, Bentwaters RAF/USA airbase, a few miles north-east of Ipswich, Suffolk, would have betrayed no sign of unusual happenings to the casual passer-by. But radar operators in the airfield's Ground Controlled Approach (GCA) unit were by this time alerted to something strange on their screens.

At a range of 25 to 30 miles, out over the North Sea, a target was picked up on the surveillance radar. It was on a north-west heading into the airfield. The target looked like a normal aircraft echo, but within about half a minute the target had crossed the centre of the scope and was lost 15 to 20 miles inland. Airman John Vaccare's estimate of 30 seconds total transit time, suggests a speed of 4500-5000 m.p.h. For a further 50 minutes or so, nothing further happened at Bentwaters. Suddenly, however, at 10.55, three events happened simultaneously. Radar recorded another target at high-speed, this time travelling at between 2000 and 4000 m.p.h. Control tower personnel saw a "bright light passing from east to west over the field at terrific speed at about 4000 feet altitude" while simultaneously, the pilot of a transport aircraft, which was flying over the field, saw a bright light "Streak under his aircraft," again at terrific speed.

A telephone call was placed almost immediately to the GCA facility at Lakenheath base "to determine if unusual sightings were occurring!" Thus began one of the most remarkable radar-visual sequences on record. The caller asks whether Lakenheath Air Traffic Control, have any 4000 m.p.h. targets on their screens!

Sergeant Perkins, watch supervisor, understandably sceptical of this report, but instructs his controllers to start keeping a close watch. For "ten or perhaps twenty minutes, certainly no more" the controllers watch for the reported high-speed targets, seeing nothing. Then at about 11.05, one controller notices something different, but almost equally strange, about 20 to 25 miles southwest radar shows a stationary target which should not be there.

Sergeant Perkins, calls the Lakenheath GCA unit, who confirm that the target is "is on their Scope in the same geographical location!" After several minutes the begins to move at a speed between 400 and 600 m.p.h. to a position some 20 miles north north west of Lakenheath, where it suddenly stops.

At this time, about 11.10, Perkins sets in motion a standard alert procedure. He calls the 7th Air Division Command Post, London, the 3rd Air Force Command Post the base commander, and his Air Force Communications Squadron Commander, all of whom are hooked into the ATC switchboard. An R.A.F. Liaison Officer is also patched in, together with "possibly others" whose identity Perkins is "not aware of". A busy conference line is thus established at Lakenheath, with sergeant Perkins as its eyes and ears, relaying the situation as it develops. The conference line authorities receive "a detailed report on the targets movements and location as it continues its high speed, straight line movements around the area at 600m.p.h. punctuated by stationary periods of between three and six minutes. At about 11.40, Sergeant Perkins is made aware that a decision has been reached in consultation with the R.A.F. to intercept the target. At this point, the RAF coastal air defence and ground controlled interception (GCI) radar at Neatishead, Norfolk, some 40 miles north east of Lakenheath, enters the picture. Neatishead, however, is not the only RAF facility contacted. In the underground concrete complex at Neatishead, the Chief Fighter Controller Flight Lieutenant Wimbledon, receives a call informing him of a situation at Lakenheath and the decision to scramble an interceptor. The controller relays the scramble authority to the duty airfield, which is RAF Waterbeach near Cambridge. At sometime around 11.45, a telephone rings in the operations briefing room of RAF Waterbeach. Outside, the crews of the night-duty flight of 253 Squadron, No 11 Group, Fighter Command, wait out the night in the cockpits of their aircraft. ready to press the starter buttons and take off at a few minutes notice.

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In one of the eight de Havilland Venon NF.2a night fighters standing ready fuelled on the airfield, the pilot and radar operator are startled by a warning lamp on the portside instrument panel. The voice of the operations controller in the pilots headset instructs the pilot to stand by for further instructions. Moments later, the controller's phone rings again, and the Chief Fighter Controller at Neatishead authorises a scramble. Immediately, the operations controller gives the pilot of the Venon his briefing and clears the aircraft for take-off. By 11.50p.m the Venon is airborne to the south-west of Waterbeach and executing a climb and turn back towards the north-east in the direction of Lakenheath.

Lakenheath ATC established radio and radar contact with the Venon inbound from the south-west at a range of 30 to 35 miles and at 2-3000 feet altitude.

At this time Sergeant Perkins gives the pilot "all the background information" and relays the current movements of the target. The time is 11.52. Four minutes later the Venon is approaching the area of Lakenheath. Sergeant Perkins and his team continue to issue headings to the interceptor as they watch the blip on their screens closing towards the UFO. At midnight, the pilot has visual contact with a "bright white light". As the Venon closes rapidly on the now stationary target, the pilot has time only to report to Lakenheath "I've got my guns on him" before his transmission is interrupted by the radar operator reporting the sudden loss of the target from his radar.

This pause is noted by Sergeant Perkins, who then hears the pilot say "where did he go? do you still have him"? The reply goes back, Roger, it appeared he got behind you and he's still there. The swift circling of the UFO target behind the interceptor has also been seen by the interception teams at

Neatishead, to whose frequency the pilot now switches back for fresh instructions in order to evade his pursuer. The terse message "lost contact more help" alerts the Neatishead controller to the pilots need for guidance; the controller confirms the new situation, and for the next five minutes the pilot tries to shake the target from his tail, without success. A second Venon is now scrambled from Waterbeach, but it will not arrive in time to make contact with the target.

At about five minutes after midnight the radar screens lose the target in a manner which the Chief Fighter Controller interprets as a rapid descent out of the radiation pattern. The target is not seen again by GCI radar, and shortly the interceptor is released from its mission. It is now ten minutes past midnight of the morning of August 14th, more than an hour since the target was first detected at Lakenheath. In the air traffic control centre the midnight relief shift have joined Sergeant Perkins team in watching the screens. In the controller's headset the voices of the two Venon pilots, one still inbound the other on his way home, are heard in conversation "I saw something, but I'll be damned if I know what it was.... Its the damndest thing I've ever seen".

CONCLUSION.

There can never be direct experimental proof of the Lakenheath UFO, no matter how suggestive the evidence may be. Does this make the case useless as scientific evidence?

Thirty years later enough of the pieces can now be assembled to convince us that they are parts of an intelligible picture. Many UFO puzzles do not work when we try to fit the pieces together, like a jigsaw, but in the case of Lakenheath the emerging picture begins to look very much like a picture on the box. When we come to the Lakenheath events, the multiple radar combined with visual contact makes any hypothesis other than a real UFO almost impossible to support.

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I. RADAR SIGHTINGS, BENTWATERS

A. First Sighting

1. Target picked up 25-30 miles ESE moving on 295 degree heading; lost 15-20 miles NW of Bentwaters.
 - a. Object had strong radar echo comparable to typical aircraft, weakening at end of scope path.
 - b. 4,000 mph (or more) estimated speed.
 - c. Duration of sighting was 30 seconds.

B. Second Sighting

1. Multiple targets sighted 8 miles SW of Bentwaters moving in northeasterly direction.
 - a. Larger group (scattered) preceded by small group (3) in triangular formation.
 - b. Radar echo weakening as moving to NE.
 - c. Estimated speeds of 80-125 mph.
2. Maneuvering of objects.
 - a. Objects combined to form one very strong echo.
 - b. Stopped and remained stationary 10-15 min.
 - c. Continued NE for 5-6 miles.
 - d. Stopped for 3-5 min.
 - e. Moved northward off of scope.
3. Duration of sighting was 25 minutes.

C. Third Sighting

1. Object sighted moving rapidly from 30 miles E to point 25 miles W of Bentwaters.
 - a. Disappeared by rapid motion out of radiation pattern.
 - b. Speed estimated at 4,000 mph or more.
 - c. Duration of sighting was 16 seconds.

D. Fourth Sighting

1. Object picked up 30 miles E traveling almost due west.
 - a. Estimated speed was 2,000-4,000 mph.
 - b. There were concurrent visual ground and air sightings.
 - c. No sonic booms were emitted by the high speed object.

II. VISUAL GROUND SIGHTING

A. First Sighting

1. Nocturnal light 10 degrees elevation to SSE of Bentwaters.
 - a. Intermittently appearing, disappearing.
 - b. Duration of sighting was approximately one hour.
 - c. This sighting was possibly a planet.

- B. Second Sighting
 - 1. Lakenheath RAF Station sighted luminous object moving on SW heading.
 - a. Object stops then moves out of sight to the east.
- C. Third Sighting
 - 1. Two moving white lights sighted.
 - a. Lights join and disappear in formation.
 - b. No discernable features.
 - c. Reportedly traveling at terrific speeds, stopping, changing course immediately.

III. RADAR SIGHTINGS, LAKENHEATH

- A. First Sighting.
 - 1. Object seen traveling from 6 miles W to 20 miles SW.
 - a. Object stopped, remained stationary for 5 min.
 - b. Object then traveled to 2 miles NW of Station and stopped.
 - c. There were supporting ground visual and radar sightings made.
- B. Second Sighting
 - 1. Object maneuvering in rectangular pattern 17 miles E of Station.
 - a. Object stopped and started rapidly.
 - b. Estimated speed was 600-800 mph.
 - c. Moving Target Indication and Plan-Position Indicator used in attempt to identify object.

IV. AIRBORNE RADAR AND VISUAL SIGHTINGS

- A. First Sighting
 - 1. Venom aircraft scrambled to identify object.
 - a. Pilot picked up target on radar.
 - b. Visual sighting of bright white light made by pilot.
 - c. Pilot lost both visual and radar targets.
- B. Second Sighting
 - 1. Venom aircraft vectored to new target.
 - a. Concurrent ground radar sighting.
 - b. Venom craft suddenly lost target.
 - 2. Target began tail chase of Venom craft.
 - a. Aircraft maneuvered to evade target.
 - b. Maneuvers failed and pilot asked for assistance.
 - 3. Second craft was scrambled but returned to base because of mechanical problems. Original craft returned when fuel supply ran out. The target was not identified.

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"Lakenheath" Case

1. First Radar Sighting:

A. When:

2130 Z (9:30 P.M., Greenwich Zone Z Time)

B. Where:

Bentwaters RAF Station located six miles east of Ipswich, England

C. Who:

Ground Controlled Approach operator

D. What:

Target 25-30 miles ESE which moved at a very high speed on constant 295° heading across his scope until he lost it 15-20 miles northwest of Bentwaters. Described as a strong radar echo, comparable to that of a typical aircraft, until it weakened near the end of its path across his scope. He estimated speed at 4,000 mph; however, a transit time of 30 seconds is given. That, combined with the reported range of distance traversed, 40-50 miles, a speed of about 5,000 to 6,000 mph results. Finally, GCA operator stated it covered 5-6 miles per sweep of the radar he was using. The sweep period for that set is given as 2 seconds (30 rpm) so this yields an even higher speed estimate of about 9,000 mph.

2. Second Radar Sighting:

A. When:

2130Z to 2155Z

B. Where:

Bentwaters RAF Station

C. Who:

Ground Controlled Approach operator (T/Sgt)

D. What:

On the same radar set, a group of 12 to 15 objects about 8 miles southwest of Bentwaters. T/Sgt. pointed out that these objects appeared as normal targets on the GCA scope and normal checks made to determine possible malfunctions of the GCA radar failed to

indicate anything was technically wrong. The dozen or so objects were moving northeast together at speeds ranging between 80 and 125 mph and the 12 to 15 unidentified objects were preceded by 3 objects which were in a triangular formation with an estimated 1,000 feet separating each object in this formation. The dozen or so objects to the rear were scattered behind the lead formation of 3 at irregular intervals with the whole group simultaneously covering a 6 to 7 mile area. Consistent radar returns came from this group during their 25 minute movement from the point at which they were first picked up, 8 miles southwest, to a point 40 miles northeast of Bentwaters, their echos decreasing in intensity as they moved off to the northeast, they all appeared to converge to form a single radar echo whose intensity is described as several times larger than a B-36 return under comparable conditions. It then resumed motion to the northeast for 5 to 6 miles, stopped again for 3 to 5 minutes and then moved northward and off the scope.

3. Third Radar Sighting:

A. When:

2200Z

B. Where:

Bentwaters RAF Station

C. Who:

Ground Controlled Approach operator (T/Sgt)

D. What:

Five minutes after the second sighting moved off scope, T/Sgt detected an unidentified target about 30 miles east of Bentwaters GCA station and tracked it in rapid westward motion to a point 25 miles west of the station where the object suddenly disappeared off the radar screen by rapidly moving out of the GCA radiation pattern. Here again discordant speed information appears. T/Sgt gave the speed only as being in excess of 4,000 mph, whereas the time-duration of the tracking, given as 16 seconds, implies a speed of 12,000 mph for the roughly 55 mile track length reported.

4. Fourth Radar Sighting:

A. When:

2255Z

B. Where:

Bentwaters RAF Station

C. Who:

Ground Controlled Approach operator

D. What:

Fast moving target was picked up 30 miles east of Bentwaters, heading almost due west at a speed given as 2,000 to 4,000 mph. Target passed almost directly over Bentwaters disappearing from their GCA scope for the usual beam-angle reasons when it came within 2 to 3 miles moving on until it disappeared from the scope 30 miles west of Bentwaters.

→ The radar tracking was matched by concurrent visual observations by personnel on the ground looking up and also from an overhead aircraft looking down. Both visual reports involved only a light described as blurred out by high speed, but since the aircraft was flying at only 4,000 ft., the altitude of the unknown object is bracketed within rather narrow bounds.

Apparently, immediately after the 2255Z events, Bentwaters GCA alerted GCA Lakenheath to the WNW. It is implied in the Condon report that Lakenheath ground observers were alerted in time to see a luminous object come in at an estimated altitude of 2,000 to 2,500 feet and on a SW heading. At or subsequent to the Bentwaters alert message, Lakenheath ground
→ observers saw a luminous object come in out of the northeast at low altitude, then stop, and take up an easterly heading and resume motion eastward out of sight.

The precise sequence of the subsequent observations is not clear, but it is clear from the Lakenheath TWX which was sent in compliance with AFR200-2, that many interesting and scientifically baffling events soon took place.

No follow-up from Bluebook or other USAF sources was undertaken.

5. Lakenheath Sightings:

- A. Following the 2255Z alert by GCA Bentwaters, USAF ground observers at the Lakenheath RAF Station observed a luminous object come in on a southwesterly heading, stop and then move out of sight to the east. Subsequently, at an unspecified time, 2 moving lights were seen and ground observers stated one white light joined up with another and both disappeared in formation together. No discernable features of these luminous sources were

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→ noted by ground observers but both the observers and radar operators concurred in their description that the objects traveled at terrific speeds and then stopping and changing course immediately.

In summary of the ground visual observations, it appears that three ground observers at Lakenheath saw the following:

1. At least two luminous objects over an extended, although uncertain, time period
2. Saw them execute sharp course changes
3. Saw them remain motionless at least once
4. Saw two objects merge into one and
5. Reported motions in general accord with concurrent radar observations.

B. Radar unknowns were observed at Lakenheath until about 0330Z, the total duration of this entire episode being about six hours.

A Venom jet interceptor was scrambled. The exact time of this scramble is unknown but believed to be around midnight. The pilot reported white light in sight. He then reported loss of target and white light. The UFO the Venom tried to intercept was recorded by ground radar, airborne radar and visually.

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WELCOME: YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO D FLIGHT. YOUR SHIFT COMMANDER IS Mr. Zickler AND YOUR FLIGHT CHIEF IS SMSgt Farias. THEIR PHONE NUMBERS ARE 2175 OR 2176.

WE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS PERIOD OF PROCESSING TO GO AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE FIRST SERGEANT EACH DUTY DAY AT 0730 HOURS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE DRIVERS TRAINING. THIS CLASS STARTS AT 0730 SO YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE ORDERLY ROOM DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS DURING YOUR INPROCESSING PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

SGT HUDSON	SQUADRON INTRO MONITOR	2260/2750
SMSGT SWAIN	SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT	2260/2750

OTHER POINTS OF CONTACT:

SMSGT FARIAS	SECURITY	2153
SMSGT THORNTON +	LAW ENFORCEMENT	2880
MSGT HARRELL +	LAW ENFORCEMENT	2880

AFTER DUTY HOURS CONTACT THE LE DESK: 2240

Lee Swain
LEE SWAIN, SMSGT, USAF
FIRST SERGEANT

1st IND

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM TO REPORT TO THE FIRST SERGEANT AS STATED ABOVE.

Lawrence P. Swain
SIGNATURE

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Airm-Warren Will Be Posted
To Duty Roster - D-Flight
10/December/80 -
Intro Training will commence
5-12-80
Lee Swain

81st Security Police Squadron Inprocessing Instruction sheet noting that Airman Warren will be posted to D Flight Duty Roster on 10 December 1980, more than two weeks before the incidents occurred

IN OR ABOUT 12-1-80

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
81st SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON (USAF)
APO NEW YORK 09755

AB Lawrence P. Warren
3280 Technical Training Gp
Lackland AFB TX 78236

Dear Lawrence,

Welcome to RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge and the 81st Security Police Squadron. We are looking forward to your arrival and your help in maintaining the 81st's reputation as the best security police squadron in USAF.

I have asked Amm James C. Gouge to be your sponsor. He knows the squadron and can answer your questions about England. His address is Box 3189, APO New York 09755. I have given a package of brochures on England and the bases to Amm Gouge. He will send them to you with his letter. Please use your sponsor, to answer your questions and make your move easier.

Most of our single airmen live in modern dorms on Bentwaters where they are close to the services and conveniences of the base. If you want to live off base, you must process through the base housing referral office prior to making any commitments. Single BAQ is only paid to single airmen living off base when dormitory space is not available, an unusual situation, and one that fluctuates with squadron composition and size. Off base housing is limited, hard to find, expensive, and not built to the standards most Americans would expect.

Sgt Dennis K. Hudson is in charge of our sponsorship program. Because of our shift work he will probably meet you and get you settled the first day or two before you meet Amm Gouge. Sgt Hudson works 8 to 5, Mon thru Fri, and can be reached at AUTOVON 225-2750/2260.

Again, welcome. Have a pleasant trip and I'll meet you when you arrive. Your tour in the United Kingdom will be rewarding I'm sure.

Sincerely,

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MALCOLM S. ZICKLER, Major, USAF
Commander

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Dear Ma Sam & Mike.

How is things at home - I hope good.

I am O.K. please

Remember I was telling you about that U.F.O. that landed - well I'll tell you the whole story on it. Over Europe and England a bunch of lights were seen - over London one of the lights broke into about 30 smaller lights - and flew in all directions. at about 3 in the morning. a guy I know ⁱⁿ flight of security police told me he reported a glowing star at side of the weapon storage area - I can't tell you what they keep in there but use your imagination! anyway he reported it and then everyone started feeling strange - then a guy on the Backgate at Wool Bridge reported a bright light moving through the pine forest an officer and two sergeants responded but they could not take weapons because they were off base. over the radio they reported seeing a pie shaped object - about 7 by 8 ft in size but they said every time they would get near it, it would seem farther away all of a sudden.

They also said that all of the animals
in the forest were going nuts.
Then all of a sudden the light went
out - and opened the radio the said
They didn't like the situation and
wanted to go back to Base - but
They were told to keep on investigating.
Then they said the thing appeared
behind them - it seemed like
it was playing games. after 3 and 1/2 miles
of following the thing, through country
side and woods - the thing just
disappeared in a field - it was only
about 10 ft off the ground.
This is what a bunch of more said he heard
~~of~~ on the radio - at that same
time me and 5 other guys were
walking up a dark road about 2 miles
from Base coming back from Ipswich -
cause we couldn't get a ride.
and we felt like we were being watched
and it was strange cause there were
no street lights - Then we saw a bright
light go right over us about 50 ft
up - and just fly over a field

it was silent we first thought it
was an A-10 Jet. But they ^{screamed}
so we ran away. Because ~~because~~ ^{Witchcraft}
and Black Magic is Big in this ^{part of} ~~area~~ ^{Witchcraft}
Suffolk - and we thought that ~~that~~
were in the ~~woods~~ ^{woods} - Because that light
just seemed to jump over the
trees - The next day it turned
out we were in the same ~~area~~ ^{place as} and
the U.F.O. so I think we saw it to
now the three people who shared it
can't and won't talk about it at all.
and supposedly no animals have gone
back into the wood yet - They did find
two landing sights - and supposedly
some equipment left behind.
a Big C-130 came in and took something
in a crate away a few days later
and the ground were flown
in from some were else - it is strange
and now to hear that strange things
have been going on in the forest.
~~for~~ ^{for} the past few weeks -
and remember we did get out of
on the phone.

Trishat - oh Well got to go for
Now say hi to Every one and I'll
Call soon -

Love
Larry

P.S. The picture is of me in
London about a ~~month~~^{month} ago.

Tell EFFie I got her letter and will write
her - and Tell Sam to write.

(P.S. Ma, When I get Home I'll Tell You
The Truth About the UFO - (I sent it in the mail)
Then read it!!)

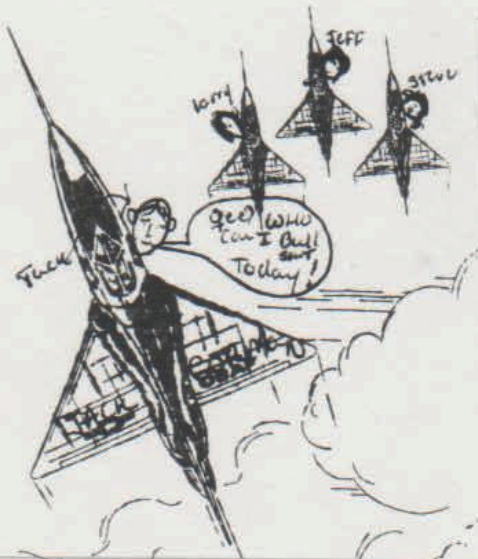
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